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Equinox Open Library Initiative Awards Vermont Jazz Center the Equinox Open Source Grant

Duluth, Ga., April 26, 2021: Equinox Open Library Initiative is pleased to announce that the Vermont Jazz Center in Brattleboro, Vermont is one of two grant recipients of this year's Equinox Open Source Grant. The Equinox Open Source Grant program provides migration, implementation, hosting, and support of the Koha Integrated Library System to eligible libraries, archives, museums, and other educational, cultural, and information organizations. The grant was inspired by the vibrant open source community and the belief that every community deserves to benefit from an accessible and thriving library.

"The Equinox team were deftly helpful in educating our team regarding Koha's tremendous abilities. The more we investigated, the more it became clear that Equinox and their mastery of Koha was a hand-in-glove ILS solution that would serve our organization's goals," said Eugene Uman, Director of the Vermont Jazz Center. "We look forward to working with Equinox to make our holdings accessible to a broad demographic of users."

The Vermont Jazz Center's history reaches back to the early 1970's, when its founding director, jazz guitarist Attila Zoller, would invite musicians and students from New York City to unwind at his home in Newfane, Vermont. The organization incorporated in 1974 and was awarded 501(c)(3) non-profit status in 1989.

"It is exciting to help the Vermont Jazz Center establish their Koha database," said Erica Rohlfs, Senior Implementation Project Manager at Equinox. "The Vermont Jazz Center offers literature, artist interviews, educational events, workshops, festivals, and concerts to music enthusiasts worldwide. Koha will help give their invaluable resources more exposure, searchability, and public accessibility."

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About Equinox Open Library Initiative

Equinox Open Library Initiative provides innovative open source software for libraries of all types and delivers extraordinary service at exceptional value. As the successor to Equinox Software, Inc., Equinox Open Library Initiative builds upon more than a decade of trusted service and technical expertise, providing consulting services, software development, hosting, training, and support for Evergreen ILS, Koha ILS, and other open source library software. To learn more, please visit <https://www.equinoxOLI.org>. For Equinox Library Services Canada, please visit <https://www.equinoxOLI.ca>.

Vermont Jazz Center

Vermont Jazz Center (VJC) is a 501(c)3, non-profit jazz programming and education institution that provides high quality jazz to a rural area in Southeastern Vermont. VJC's history reaches back to the early 1970s, when its founding Director, jazz guitarist Attila Zoller, would invite musicians and students from New York City to unwind at his home in Newfane, Vermont. The organization incorporated in 1974 and was awarded 501(c)(3) non-profit status in 1989. To learn more about VJC please visit <https://vtjazz.org/>.

About Koha

Created in 1999 by Katipo Communications for the Horowhenua Library Trust in New Zealand, Koha is the first open source Integrated Library System to be used worldwide. The software is a full-featured ILS with a dual-database design (search engine and RDBMS) built to be compliant with library standards. Koha's OPAC, staff, and self-checkout interfaces are all web applications. Distributed under the General Public License (GPL), libraries are free to use and install Koha themselves or to purchase support and development services. For more information on Koha, please visit <https://koha-community.org>.

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