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Equinox Community Grant Awarded to the CORAL ERM Steering Committee

Duluth, Ga., March 30, 2021: Equinox Open Library Initiative is pleased to announce the award of an Equinox Community Grant to the CORAL ERM Steering Committee. The Equinox Community Grant provides funding for open source projects and operational infrastructure in order to strengthen and support open source communities in libraries, archives, and cultural heritage organizations.

“CORAL, a powerful open source electronic resource management tool, is built for the community and by the community,” said Xiaoyan Song, Chair of the CORAL ERM Steering Committee, and Electronic Resources Librarian at North Carolina State University. “It relies on globally distributed volunteer teams including developers and librarians willing to take responsibility for its sustainability.”

CORAL ERM is used by libraries and institutions worldwide. The CORAL project is led by the CORAL Steering Committee and the software is developed and maintained by community contributions to the project. The Equinox Community Grant supports the communication needs of the CORAL project by funding the hosting and domain fees for the CORAL website (<http://coral-erm.org>) for a period of ten years. The grant allows the CORAL Steering Committee to maintain their current website, share information about CORAL ERM, and to connect with present and future CORAL community members.

“Libraries need software for managing electronic resources, and this software needs to be reliable, affordable, and efficient. Many libraries maintain ERM data manually in spreadsheets because a dedicated system is beyond the budget,” said Lisa Carlucci, Executive Director, Equinox Open Library Initiative. “CORAL provides an innovative, user-friendly solution, along with an active community of peers who understand the work of electronic resources management. We’re proud to be a part of the CORAL community and to support libraries interested in using CORAL.”

Equinox Open Library Initiative developed this new grant opportunity following the success of the Equinox Open Source Grant, which provides implementation, hosting, training, and support for libraries interested in using Koha ILS. In 2020, Equinox funded the implementation of Koha ILS for Biblioteca Nacional de Puerto Rico and Spark Central, in Spokane, WA. In 2021, the Equinox Open Source grant will fund Koha ILS for The Vermont Jazz Center and the Center for Khmer Studies.

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About Equinox Open Library Initiative

Equinox Open Library Initiative Inc. is a 501(c)3 company engaging in literary, charitable, and educational endeavors serving libraries and knowledge institutions. As the successor to Equinox Software, Inc., Equinox Open Library Initiative builds upon a decade of exceptional service and technical expertise, providing consulting services, development, hosting, training, and support for Evergreen ILS, Koha ILS, and other open source library software. As a non-profit organization, Equinox is committed to providing innovative open source library solutions to libraries of all sizes and types. To learn more, please visit <https://www.equinoxinitiative.org/>.

About CORAL

CORAL is an electronic resources management system consisting of interoperable modules designed around the core components of managing electronic resources for libraries and other organizations. CORAL is available as a free, open source program. To learn more please visit: <http://coral-erm.org/>

About Evergreen ILS

Evergreen is an award-winning ILS developed to provide an open source product able to meet the diverse needs of consortia and high transaction public libraries. However, it has proven to be equally successful in smaller installations including special and academic libraries. Today, over 1500 libraries around the world are using Evergreen including NC Cardinal, SCLENDS, and B.C. Sitka. For more information about Evergreen, including a list of all known Evergreen installations, see <http://evergreen-ils.org>.

About Koha ILS

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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