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Vermont Jazz Center Goes Live on Koha ILS

Duluth, Ga., August 2, 2021: Equinox Open Library Initiative is pleased to announce the successful implementation of Koha ILS at the Vermont Jazz Center of Brattleboro, Vermont, with funding provided by the Equinox Open Source Grant. The grant provides implementation, training, hosting, and support services for Koha ILS, an open source integrated library system used by libraries worldwide.

First launched in 2019, the Equinox Open Source Grant was inspired by the vibrant open source community and the belief that every community deserves to benefit from a searchable, accessible, and thriving library. Previous recipients include [Biblioteca Nacional de Puerto Rico \(BNPR\)](#) and [Spark Central of Spokane, Washington](#).

“The Vermont Jazz Center’s cataloging capabilities using Koha provide us the technology and platform to allow aficionados and academics access to the resources available within our holdings,” said Eugene Uman, Executive Director at the Vermont Jazz Center. “We are grateful beyond words to Equinox for awarding us an Equinox Open Source Grant so that we could afford the high quality training that positions us as team players in the world of jazz research. It is thanks to the friendly and expert training we received from the Equinox team that we are moving in the direction of self-sustainability.”

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.

“I was excited to see the Vermont Jazz Center awarded the Equinox Open Source grant,” said Erica Rohlf, Senior Implementation Project Manager at Equinox. “It’s been an absolute pleasure working with their team. The Vermont Jazz Center has a

clear vision of how they want to share their archives with the public. It was inspiring to play a role in watching their vision come to fruition.”

More details about Equinox’s grant initiatives can be found here: <https://www.equinoxoli.org/collaborate/#grant>. Follow Equinox Open Library Initiative on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Vimeo](#) for the latest updates.

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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 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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