

Evergreen Community Annual Report 2023





Our Mission

The Evergreen Project develops an open-source ILS (integrated library system). The software, also called Evergreen, is used by libraries to provide their public catalog interface as well as to manage a full stack of back-end operations.

The Evergreen community strives to create a powerful, easy-to-use, comprehensive library automation platform usable by both stand-alone libraries and consortia with diverse options for customization.

We seek to empower librarians as users and contributors through feedback, development, documentation, and community engagement.

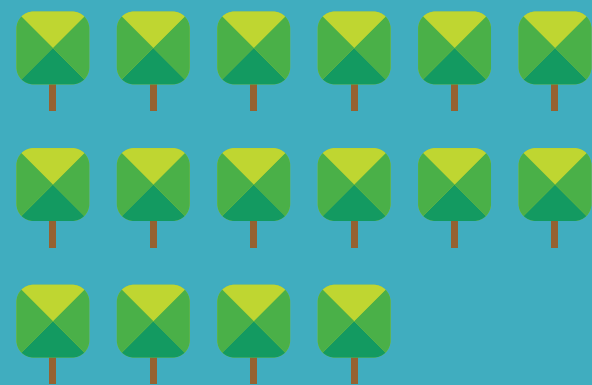
Evergreen began as a project of the Georgia Public Library System in 2006 to serve the needs of a large scale shared public catalog. It is now managed by a US 501(c)(3) non-profit with contributions of labor from an international community of hundreds of developers and documentation writers from dozens of institutions.

It is hard to sum up this past year with the Evergreen Project and community in a way that fully expresses my pride in both. The 2023 Evergreen International Conference in Worcester, Massachusetts, hosted by CW Mars and the Worcester Public Library, gave us the first real opportunity to gather in person since the COVID-19 pandemic put so many things on pause and changed the ways we interact. That conference reminded me and others that we are, above all, a community. And, we are a community invested in this open-source software that facilitates the amazing work that libraries do for all people. I had the opportunity recently to affirm to a librarian that they do good work. We do good work. And, in the Evergreen open-source ILS community, we get to do good work together. Now, looking back over nearly a year, I am humbled and exhilarated to be part of the good work that we are doing together on behalf of people we will never know. To all of you who have participated in committee work, interest groups, feature and fix development at all levels, Feedback Fests and bug squashing, Hackaway, listserv conversations, strategic planning conversations, and everything I've missed, I extend my heartfelt "Thank You." I've been honored to represent your interests on the Evergreen Project Board. Stay tuned. The best is yet to come.



Ruth Frasure Davis
President, Evergreen Project Board
Coordinator, Evergreen Indiana Consortium

New Seeds Planted in 2023



Becket Athenaeum (MA, US)

Cape Girardeau (MO, US)

Goshen Library (MA, US)

Hamilton Memorial Library (MA, US)

Hocutt-Ellington Memorial Library (NC, US)

Mississippi (MO, US)

Morgan (MO, US)

Nevada (MO, US)

North Carolina Community Colleges Evergreen (NCCCE) Group - 25 libraries (NC, US)

Pierceton - Washington Township Public Library (IN, US)

Stanly County Public Library (NC, US)

St. Joseph (MO, US)

The Traverse des Sioux (TdS) Library System - 26 libraries (MN, US)

Acsenda School of Management (Vancouver, BC)

Warren County Public Library (NC, US)

It Takes a Community

Acquisitions Interest Group

Wiki: <https://wiki.evergreen-ils.org/doku.php?id=acq:interest-group>

Meeting Schedule: 2nd Wednesday of each month

Cataloging Interest Group

Wiki: <https://wiki.evergreen-ils.org/doku.php?id=cataloging:cwg>

Meeting Schedule: 2nd Tuesday of each month

Development Meetings

Wiki: <https://wiki.evergreen-ils.org/doku.php?id=dev:meetings>

Meeting Schedule: 2nd Tuesday of each month

Documentation Interest Group (DIG)

Wiki: <https://wiki.evergreen-ils.org/doku.php?id=evergreen-docs:dig>

Meeting Schedule: 1st Thursday of each month

New Developers Working Group

Wiki: <https://wiki.evergreen-ils.org/doku.php?id=newdevs:start>

Meeting Schedule: 3rd Wednesday of each month

Outreach

Wiki: <https://wiki.evergreen-ils.org/>

[doku.php?id=outreach](https://wiki.evergreen-ils.org/doku.php?id=outreach)

Meeting Schedule: 1st Wednesday of each month

Reports Interest Group

Wiki: <https://wiki.evergreen-ils.org/doku.php?id=evergreen-reports:rig>

Meeting Schedule: Last Wednesday of each month

User Interface Interest Group

Wiki: https://wiki.evergreen-ils.org/doku.php?id=community:ui_ig

Meeting Schedule: Fourth Tuesday of each month



Those that served on the board this year:

Chris Sharp, Dan Moore, Deborah Luchenbill, Galen Charlton, Jeanette Lundgren, Joe Knueven, Kate Coleman, Katie Greenleaf Martin, Rogan Hamby, Ruth Davis



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EVERGREEN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2023




April 26th - 29th



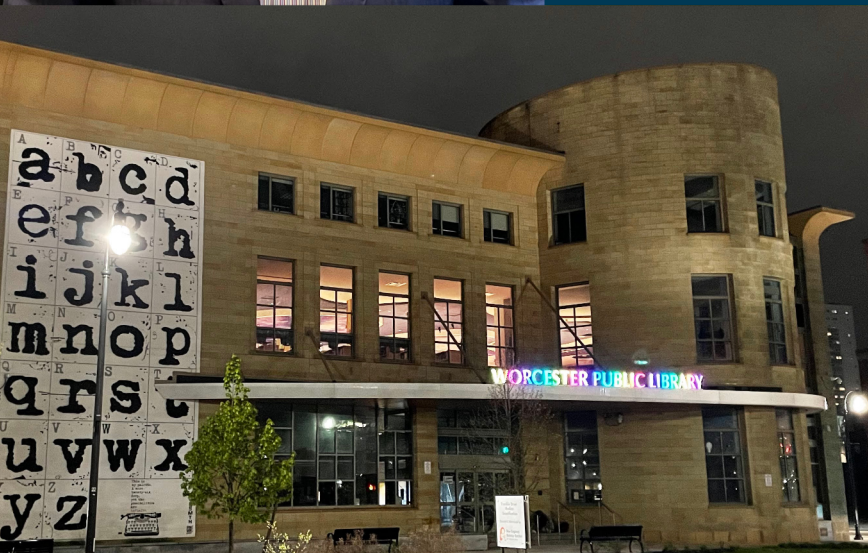
199 Attendees



28 Hours of Presentations + Meetings, Keynote, Lightning Talks, Hackfest



WORCESTER, MA



Assembling the Blocks: Building and Releasing Evergreen

Galen Charlton
2023 Evergreen International Conference



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The Hack-A-Way



Members of the Evergreen Development Community were able to gather face-to-face for the first time since 2019 to work through some of the larger issues surrounding the Evergreen open-source ILS including its growth and sustainability. Nineteen individuals met October 23-25 at the Fort Harrison State Park Inn in Indiana to discuss and work on a variety of tasks including projects related to the staff catalog, accessibility and material design, and the future of OpenSRF in light of Redis. The group also participated in a focus group discussion for the Evergreen Project Strategic Plan project. The Hack-A-Way was a momentum builder on several fronts but most notably in the fostering and strengthening of peer relationships necessary for our highly collaborative and responsive open-source community.

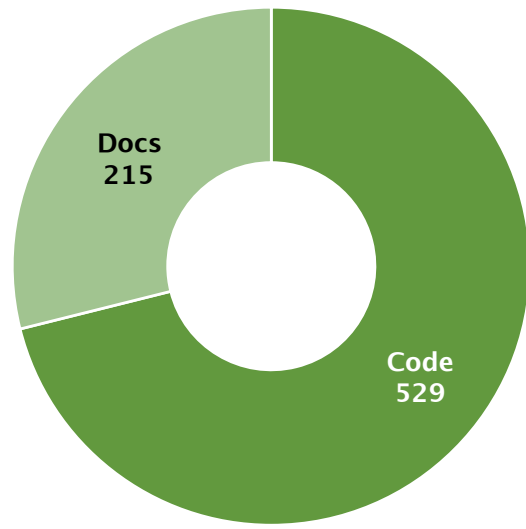


Musical swings near Fort Harrison. Don't worry, the photographer took a turn too.

COMMITTING

CODE & DOCS

2023 Code vs. Docs Commits



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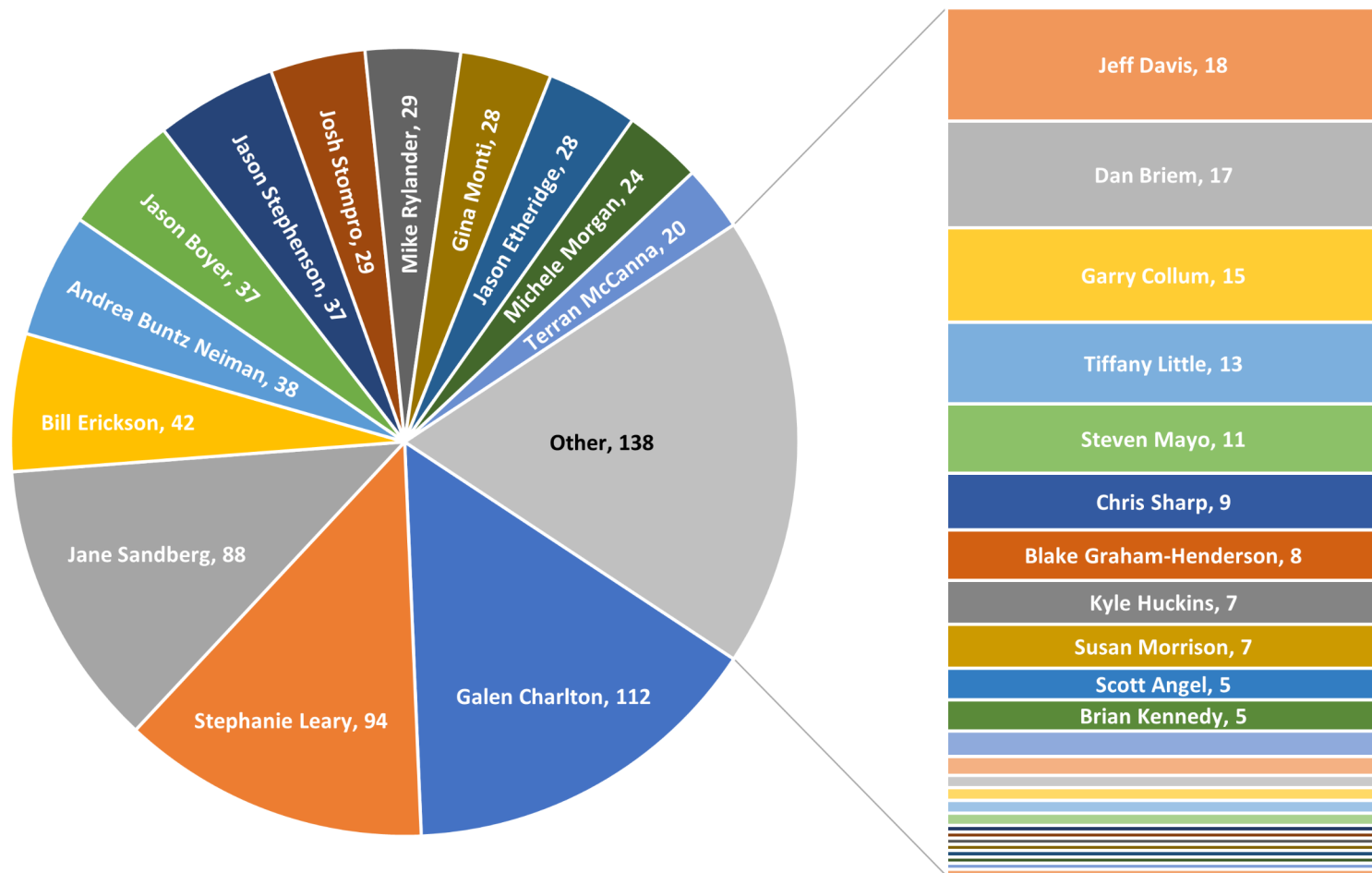
You know its a developer event when even the cookies are caffeinated!

2023 was a big year for growth in the Evergreen contributor community. This year, there were seven new authors responsible for 23 commits. One of those new authors, Steven Mayo of Georgia Public Library Service, also participated with the 3.12 release team.

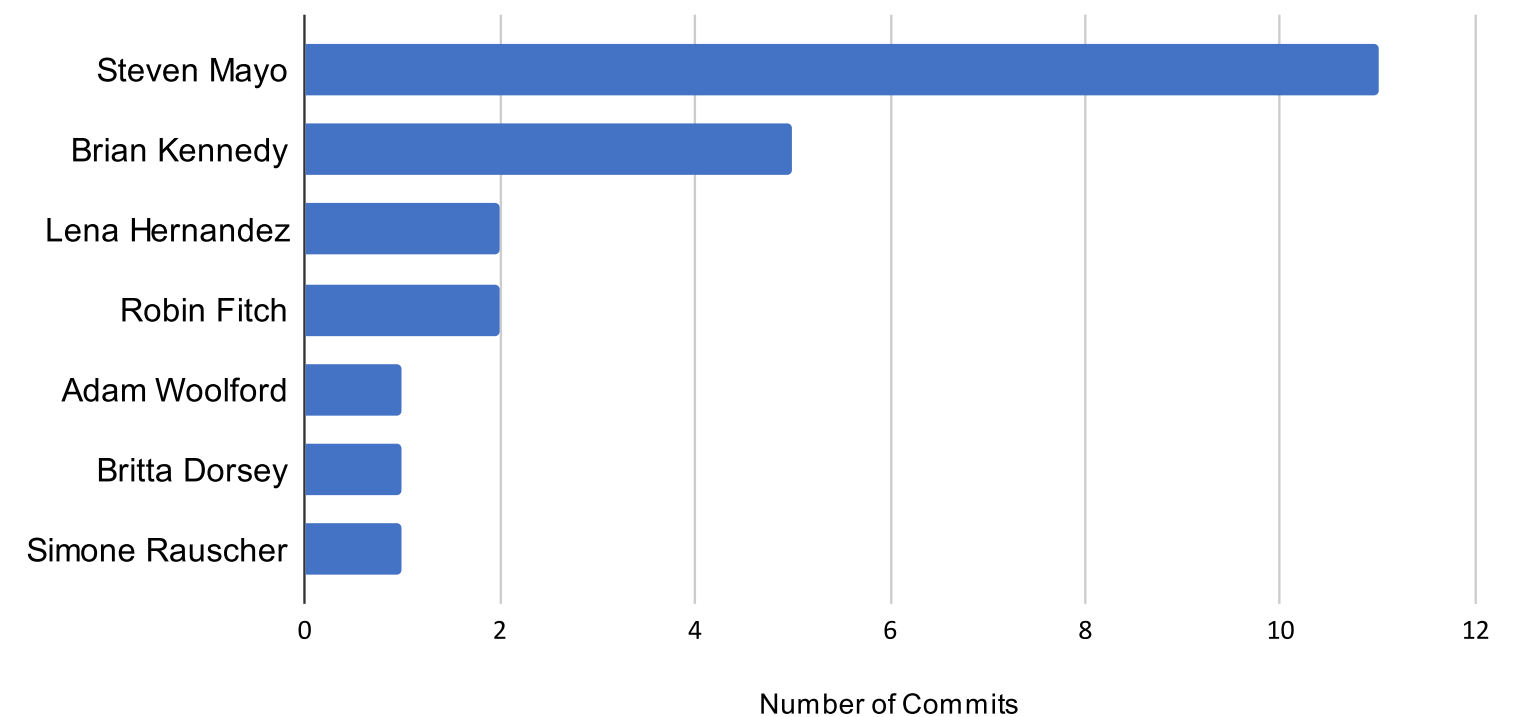
In addition, three new contributors were made core committers, which gives them the ability to review and commit code to the Evergreen main branch. Garry Collum of Kenton County Public Library, Terran McCanna of Georgia Public Library Service, and Josh Stompro of Lake Agassiz Regional Library gained core committer status in 2023.

Terran especially hit the ground running, using her committer responsibility to push over 100 commits in her first year! This put her as the third most active committer in 2023, just following Galen Charlton (Equinox Open Library Initiative) as the most active committer, and Jane Sandberg (Princeton University) as the second most active committer.

2023 Top Authors by Commit



Commits by New Authors in 2023



Releases 3.11 & 3.12



Organizations that sponsored development ... King County Library System (KCLS) & North of Boston Library Exchange (NOBLE)

Full Release Notes

https://evergreen-ils.org/documentation/release/RELEASE_NOTES_3_11.html

https://evergreen-ils.org/documentation/release/RELEASE_NOTES_3_12.html

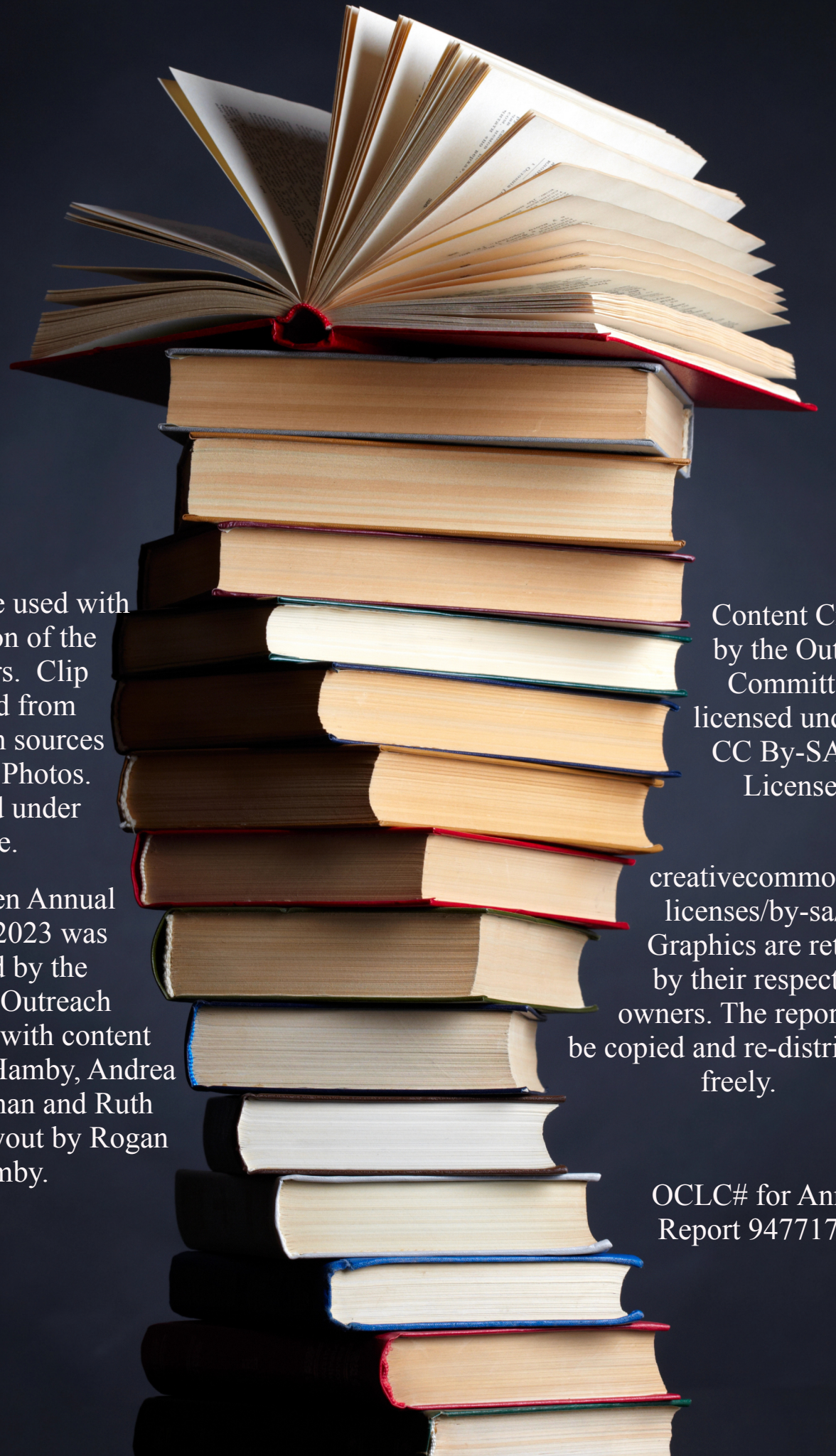


Community After Hours



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