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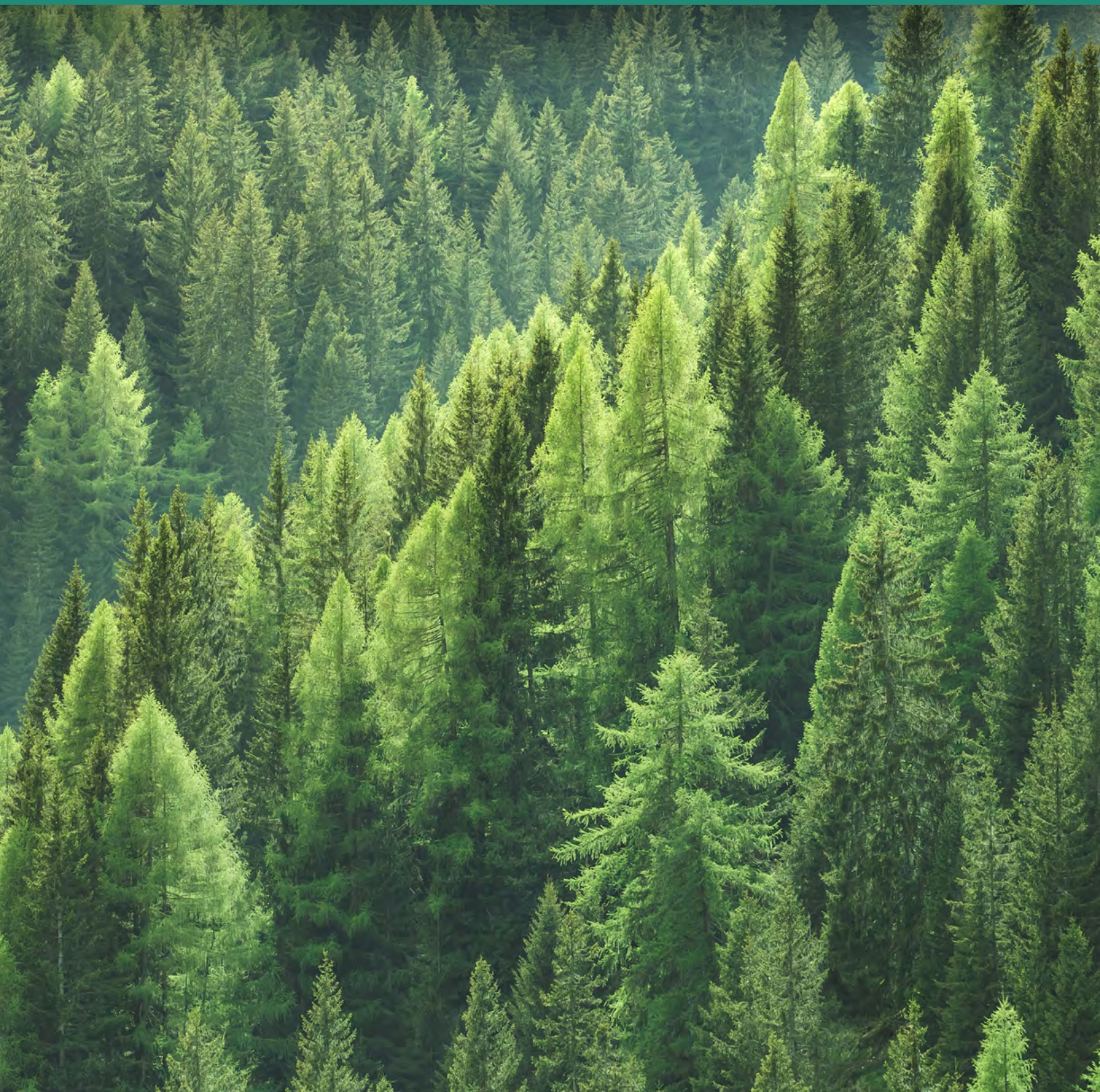
Open Source Library Software

2025 Annual Report



Statement of Purpose

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President's Message

"Change your opinions, keep to your principles; change your leaves, keep intact your roots."

—Victor Hugo, Intellectual Autobiography: Ideas on Literature, Philosophy and Religion

Katie Greenleaf Martin

This has been a year of change for the The Evergreen Project—we changed our structure, our bylaws, and created something that will be around much longer than my time on the board: The Evergreen Project Membership Program.

First of all, I want to thank everyone who made this possible—from those who managed the transition of TEP to an independent 501(c)3 in 2020, to the strategic planning committee over the last 3 years, to the membership model investigation group—and especially to this year's TEP board, who truly 'leaned in' with me to help get this all launched. It is fitting that this comes in the 20th year of libraries using Evergreen—and I want to honor all those who have contributed in a magnitude of ways over those two decades.

Second, I can't wait to see where this goes next—with every indication that we'll have a substantial, sustainable revenue stream from our members, we will have an opportunity to make a significant impact on growing & strengthening the Evergreen ILS and its community. We're already working on supporting the project's infrastructure by supporting translation work and accessibility reports—and there will be lots more to come.

Finally—let us continue to keep to our roots while changing our leaves. The spirit of collaboration and collegiality that drives the Evergreen community grounds us, and I know we will bring that with us in the next chapter for The Evergreen Project.

Regards,

Katie

New Seeds

New Libraries in Evergreen Community

C/W MARS

- Peru Public Library
- The Worthington Library

COOL

- Greenville Public Library

Evergreen Indiana

- Brook-Iroquois Washington Public Library
- Jasonville Public Library
- Ohio County Public Library

Independent

- SELCO (Southeastern Libraries Cooperating)—27 locations
- Plymouth District Library

SPARK

- Northampton Area Public Library
- Lansdale Public Library

Hack-A-Way

The Hack-a-Way was held November 10–12 in Columbia, Missouri. Hosted by MOBIUS, with space and resources provided by SISLT, the University of Missouri's School of Information Science and Learning Technologies, the Hack-a-Way had 18 in-person participants and several remote participants.

Over the three days, participants prepared and released Evergreen version 3.16.0, submitted twelve new patches, had three sign-offs, pushed ten patches, and worked on a variety of bugs.

In addition to the development work, attendees discussed several issues, such as the naming of the next version releases—what needs to be in place to switch names to version 4.0 instead of 3.18.0, issues with translations, and moving the Evergreen git repository to GitHub.

There were also updates about ongoing Angularization work and about the dashboard project. In between all the work, in-person attendees also got to explore some of the many local food options in Columbia, see the University of Missouri campus, try to stay warm, and more!

KPSSK Spotlight

The Konsortium Pusat Sumber Sekolah Kebangsaan (KPSSK) of Malaysia was established in 2022 when a need arose among Malaysian School Resource Centres for an open-source integrated library system. Recently the organization became registered as a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) with the Malaysia Registrar of Societies (RoS), providing them with greater opportunities to grow in their mission and the schools they can support.

KPSSK is a consortium initiative focused on strengthening Malaysian School Resource Centres (SRCs) through sustainable, open-source library solutions. The consortium works closely with teacher-librarians and schools to improve access to learning materials, enhance digital literacy, and modernize library operations in a cost-effective way.

Evergreen ILS was selected because it is a stable, community-supported open-source system that aligns with KPSSK's goals of sustainability and affordability. Its consortium structure allows multiple schools to operate under one system while maintaining their individual collections. Evergreen also benefits from an active global community, ensuring continuous improvement and long-term reliability.

The decision to register KPSSK under the Registrar of Societies as an Educational NGO enables the consortium to seek funding and grants, strengthen governance and further support objectives to advance library automation and digital equity in schools. KPSSK now supports more than 17 School Resource Centres across Malaysia. Since launching, Evergreen ILS has helped enhance access, efficiency, and sustainability in the school libraries.

Evergreen's user-friendly interface makes it easy for both staff and students to navigate. The system supports core functions such as OPAC, cataloguing, circulation, and reporting, helping improve daily library operations. Integrations such as SIP2, Z39.50, and OAI-PMH further enhance automation, shared cataloging, and system interoperability.

Through Evergreen's OPAC, students and teachers can easily search for materials by title, author, or keyword, improving access and encouraging independent library use. Libraries are now better organized, and circulation processes are more efficient with improved tracking and reporting.

KPSSK also supports schools through training, technical guidance, data migration assistance, and system configuration. Features such as customizable book carousels help promote new and featured materials, increasing user engagement and circulation.

With the official NGO status, KPSSK plans to grow to support more schools in Malaysia, and looks forward to continuing to collaborate with the Evergreen community.

For more information about KPSSK, please visit:

- KPSSK Website: https://web.kpssk.org
- KPSSK OPAC (Evergreen ILS): https://lib.kpssk.org
- KPSSK LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/company/kpssk

Konsortium
Pusat Sumber Sekolah
Kebangsaan

You can find a list of participating libraries:

Participating Libraries

https://web.kpssk.org

Membership

Funds raised from membership fees shall be used to support Evergreen Projects activities as defined in its mission, vision, strategic plan, and bylaws.

Membership Basics:

- Membership details are defined in Article II of the Evergreen Bylaws version 2025.07
- Individual Membership and annual dues per membership shall be determined by the Board of Directors and are non-refundable. A membership year shall be based on a calendar year. (Evergreen Bylaws 2025.07, section 2.3)
- In order to vote in Evergreen Project elections or run for seats on The Evergreen Project, members must be in good standing by February 14th of a given calendar year. A member in good standing is one whose current dues are paid or who meets the qualifications for the Contributor Program as set by the Board and whose membership is not suspended. (Evergreen Bylaws 2025.07, section 2.4)

Membership levels range from Individual ($100 per year) to Sustaining ($20,000 per year) and include benefits like conference discounts and access to quarterly educational webinars. Individual memberships are also available without cost to anyone who contributes their time to the Evergreen Project.

Strategic plan

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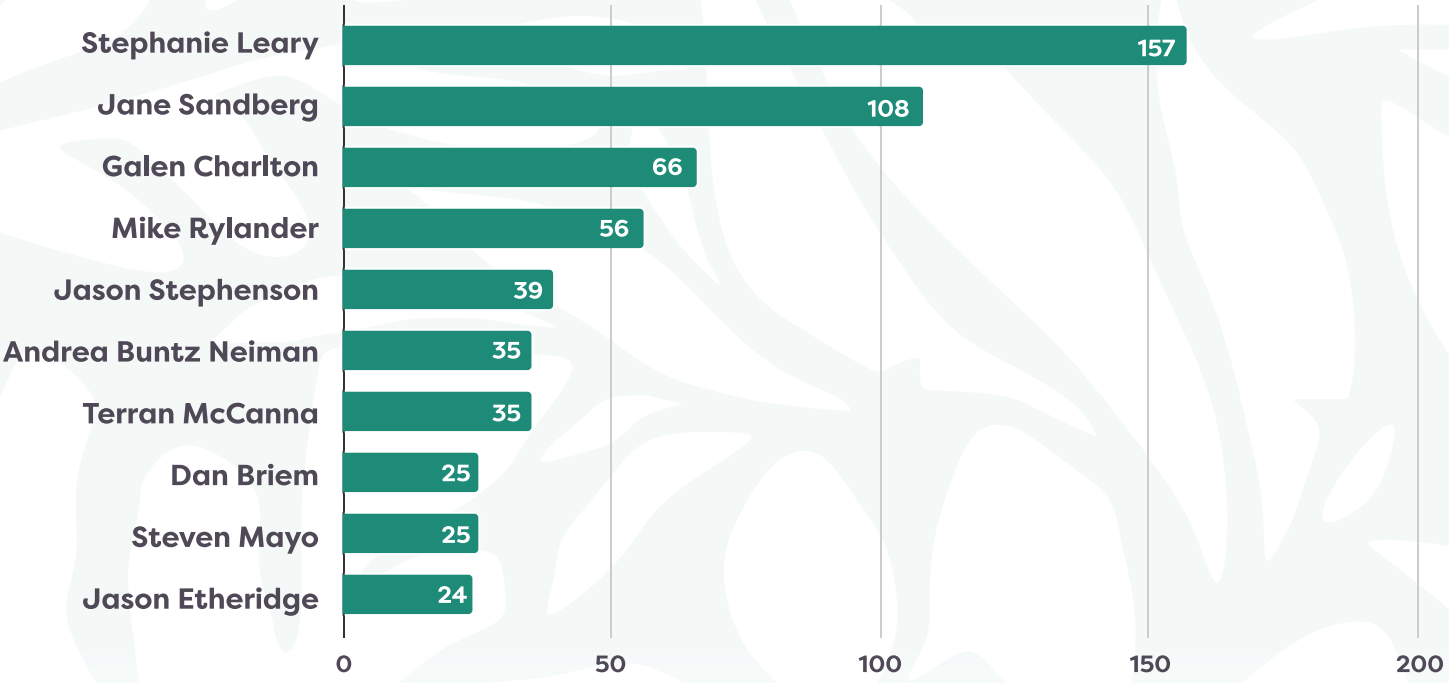
Along with considering and describing its phases of growth, the Evergreen Project embarked on a multi-year quest to understand how the Evergreen community perceives its role. This quest involved a multi-faceted approach to engaging with stakeholders that included a broad range of librarians, organizational administrators, ILS systems administrators, support personnel, software developers, and more. A common thread in all stakeholder feedback is that the Evergreen Project, as it stands right now, has the opportunity to transform from a reactive posture to a proactive posture in its support of the Evergreen Community and the Evergreen software.

The million mile journey for the Evergreen Project is one that leads toward transformation. The Evergreen Project will become a vibrant and sustainable organization, providing meaningful and reliable support to the Evergreen library software and its open-source community, as it puts into action the plans that it has made. Following through on recommendations stemming from the organizational review and deployment of the resource model are the key milestones along this journey.

Already in 2025, we have launched the membership program and completed the organizational changes necessary for that new structure. We're looking forward to an exciting 2026!

Commit Statistics

Top 10 Authors of 2025 Commits



Remaining Authors of 2025 Commits

Rank	Name	Commits
12	Susan Morrison	23
13	Jennifer Pringle	18
13	Blake Graham-Henderson	18
15	Jason Boyer	14
16	Ian Skelskey	16
17	Chris Sharp	10
17	Gina Monti	10

Rank	Name	Commits
19	Bill Erickson	8
20	Tiffany Little	6
21	Jeff Davis	5
22	Jeff Godin	4
22	Llewellyn Marshall	4
24	Garry Collum	3
24	Josh Stompro	3

Rank	Name	Commits
24	Dan Guarracino	3
27	Shula Link	2
27	Steven Callender	2
29	Brian Kennedy	1
29	a. bellenir	1
29	Chris Amorosi	1
29	Robin Fitch	1

2025 Fun Facts

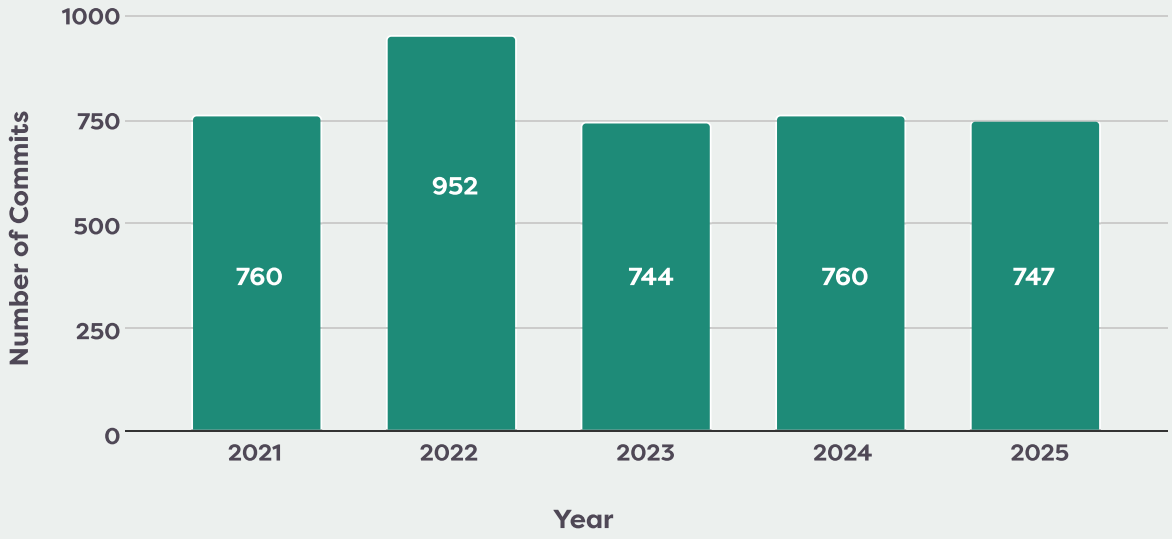
New core committer **Tiffany Little** of GPLS

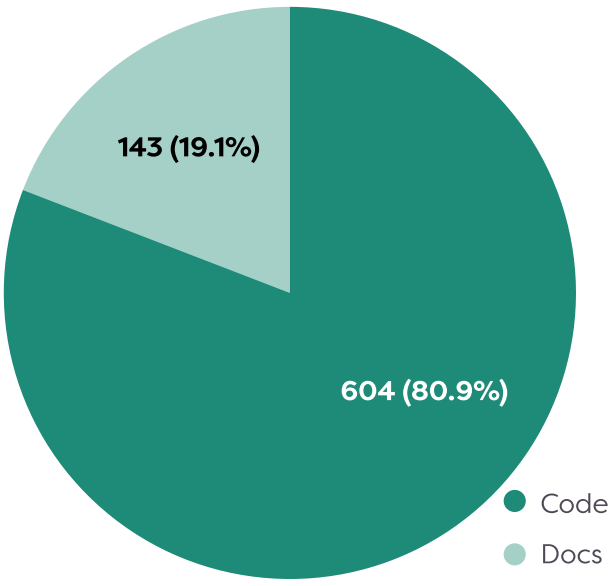
First time author **Chris Amorosi** of NOBLE

A total of **636** Launchpad bugs were committed, counting all major and minor releases

For the first time in project history, a near-plurality **(5/11) of top authors are women**

Commits over 5 years





Commits by Type in 2025

Releases & Features

3.15 and 3.16

In 2025, the Evergreen community released 3.15 and 3.16. Major improvements included:

- Rewrite of the Kid's Catalog (KPAC)
- Interface rewrites and documentation updates for Item Alerts, Notes, Tags, and Templates
- A new RESTful API suite facilitating 3rd party development against Evergreen
- Hold Policy configuration based on shelving locations
- Accessibility Metadata Project terms now searchable in the staff & public catalogs
- Integration of Quipu eCard and eRenew tools
- Single Sign On expanded to be available for the Evergreen staff client
- Infrastructure updates to Angular and PostgreSQL

The following organizations sponsored development released in 2025:

- BC Libraries Cooperative
- Carteret Community College for NCCCE and NC Cardinal
- C/W MARS
- Evergreen Collaborative Development Initiative (ECDI)
- North of Boston Library Exchange (NOBLE)
- Pennsylvania Integrated Library System (PaILS)

Evergreen 3.15

April 15, 2025

Release Team:

- Release Manager: Andrea Buntz Neiman (Equinox Open Library Initiative)
- Galen Charlton (Equinox Open Library Initiative)
- Martha Driscoll (NOBLE)
- Jason Etheridge (Equinox Open Library Initiative)
- Ruth Frasur Davis (Evergreen Collaborative Development Initiative)
- Blake Graham Henderson (MOBIUS)
- Llewellyn Marshall (NC Cardinal)
- Gina Monti (Bibliomation)

3.15.0 (including beta & release candidate) had 15 major features and 90 bugfixes.

42 individuals representing 18 organizations from two countries contributed to this release with code, translations, documentations, patches, and testing. Four organizations commissioned developments for this release.

Full release notes for 3.15 are here: https://evergreen-ils.org/documentation/release/RELEASE_NOTES_3_15.html

Evergreen 3.16

November 12, 2025

Release Team:

- Release Manager: Galen Charlton (Equinox Open Library Initiative)
- Ruth Frasur Davis (Evergreen Community Development Initiative)
- Martha Driscoll (NOBLE)
- Bill Erickson (King County Library System)
- Jeff Godin (Traverse Area District Library)
- Michelle Morgan (NOBLE)

3.16.0 (including beta & release candidate) had 24 major features and 32 bugfixes.

47 individuals representing 16 organizations from three countries contributed to this release with code, translations, documentations, patches, and testing. Four organizations commissioned developments for this release.

Full release notes for 3.16 are here: https://evergreen-ils.org/documentation/release/RELEASE_NOTES_3_16.html

International Conference

The 2025 Evergreen International Online Conference was held May 12–14, with the theme “Emerging Trends.” Registration for the conference included 101 pre-conference and 293 regular conference attendees. The keynote speaker, Nick Tanzi, creator of The Digital Librarian, gave the keynote speech titled, “True to our Mission: Libraries, Emerging Technologies, and the Road Ahead” and conveyed how libraries have always, and continue to be, tech-forward.

In addition to the keynote, the conference included more than 30 speakers representing over a dozen institutions presenting at preconference and main conference sessions. Session topics included a presentation of The Evergreen Project’s new strategic plan and the state of the project, BIBFRAME, Aspen, updates on new features, and success stories from Evergreen implementations across the community.

The conference also included an online evening social hour for attendees to chat and play games. After the main conference, developers, documenters, and any interested folks collaborated during an all-day hackfest to benefit the community.

ALA Annual Conference & Exhibition

Several members of the Evergreen community participated in a panel entitled *Consortium Change Management: Lessons from Evergreen ILS Consortia.* This panel was led by Galen Charlton of Equinox Open Library Initiative, and panelists were Jenn Bruneau, Northborough Free Library (CW MARS); Jennifer Weston, Equinox Open Library Initiative; Jessica Woolford, Bibliomation; and Katie Greenleaf Martin, PaILS.

Panelists discussed their experiences bringing new libraries into a consortium. Some challenges included the work needed to implement uniform policies across a consortium, the service changes arising from consortial sharing, and in one case the need to catalog an entire collection from scratch.

The group also had a conversation about identity as a consortium versus identity as a library—in some cases, this was a challenge for new members joining a larger group. Panelists shared their ideas for making new members feel welcome, including having central staff on site for a go-live, using mentorships, and having welcome committees.

One of the most important issues discussed was how to communicate around change and uncertainty during a migration. Panelists' advice included validating concerns, minimizing the period of uncertainty, identifying pain points, acknowledging change fatigue, and of course communicate!

About 50 people attended the panel and enjoyed the lively discussion as well as a light breakfast provided by PaILS. The session was sponsored by the Evergreen Project Board and PaILS.

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