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Equinox migrates Brookfield Public Library to the Missouri Evergreen Consortium

Duluth, Ga., October 12, 2020: Equinox is pleased to welcome Brookfield Public Library to the Evergreen ILS with their successful migration to the Missouri Evergreen Consortium.

The Brookfield Public Library's move will support 1,116 patrons and encompass a total of 2,1307 bibliographic records. Services provided by Equinox included project management and Evergreen software configuration. Data extraction and bibliographic deduplication were completed as part of their migration encompassing item, patron, and transaction records. Remote training was also provided by Equinox.

"It is scary changing the way you have done your entire workflow for 20 years," said Gina Smith, Director of the Brookfield Public Library, "but with the help of Equinox, who had to train us entirely online due to COVID-19, we are confident as we move forward knowing that the migration to Missouri Evergreen was the best decision for our community."

The Missouri Evergreen Consortium began as a resource sharing initiative in 2012 in an effort to create an integrated library system for libraries in Missouri. They are supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act as Administered by the Missouri State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.

"Brookfield Public Library began a migration to Missouri Evergreen while operating under restricted hours due to COVID-19," said Jennifer Weston, Implementation Project Manager at Equinox. "During the migration project the Brookfield staff conducted a significant data review and database cleanup operation which resulted in a successful data migration – all while successfully reopening the library to the public. Brookfield patrons will benefit from the library's tireless efforts to implement a new system including the convenient option to be notified via text or email when

materials are ready to be picked up. It has been a real honor and pleasure to work with Brookfield Public Library to provide new opportunities for the library's community during these unpredictable times."

About Equinox Open Library Initiative

Equinox Open Library Initiative is a nonprofit company engaging in literary, charitable, and educational endeavors serving cultural and knowledge institutions. As the successor to Equinox Software, Inc., Equinox carries forward more than a decade of service and experience with Evergreen ILS, Koha ILS, and other open source library software. At Equinox, we help you empower your library with open source technologies. To learn more, please visit <https://www.equinoxinitiative.org/>.

About Evergreen

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>.

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