

CORAL Overview for Public Libraries

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Introduction

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Presentation Outline

- About Equinox
- Public Libraries and Open Source
- Public Libraries and ERM
- Public Libraries and CORAL

About Us

Equinox Open Library Initiative

<https://www.equinoxoli.org/>

- 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation
- Experienced library practitioners, technical experts, IT managers, and software developers
- Provide innovative open source software for libraries of all types
- Support library automation by
 - Investing our time and talents in open source software
 - Providing software and consulting services



Public Libraries and Open Source Software

Open Source Advantages

- Cost
- Flexibility
- Avoid Vendor Lock-in
- Collaborative development
- Community

Types of Open Source Tools

- Integrated Library System
- Office suite alternatives
- Subject guide tools
- Public kiosk management
- Room reservation management

Public Libraries and ERM

- What about Electronic Resources Management?
 - Using non-specialized software
 - Tools-at-hand (spreadsheets, wikis, project management)
 - Is there a formal process and policy?
 - Is there a documented workflow?
 - Who is responsible for ERM?
 - Content?
 - Contracts?

Public Libraries, Open Source Software, and ERM

Say “Hello!” to **CORAL**

Centralized **O**nline **R**esources **A**cquisitions and **L**icensing



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CORAL Advantages

- Stable and mature option
- Initiated in 2008, first released in 2010
- User friendly and highly customizable
- Feature-rich with independent modules
- Practical for all size libraries

Public Libraries and CORAL

Public Library ERMS Needs and Wishlists

- More robust than existing spreadsheets with filters
- Simple to implement and maintain
- Access can be shared & is intuitive for users
- Customizable billing manager reports
- Robust statistics for reporting
- Ability to track database purchases (with pre-packaged content)

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CORAL Modules

- Resources
- Licensing
- Organizations
- Usage Statistics
- Management

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Resources Module

- Module can be used as a standalone system
- Provide database to track resources -- create and search for electronic resources
- Optional Knowledge Base integrations to manage holdings
- Provides a customizable workflow tool for the acquisition of electronic resources to ongoing support and maintenance

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Licensing Module

- Storage and access to digital copies of active and expired license agreements
- License Expression Comparison
Track & compare license terms that are important to the library
- Track License Renewals

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Organizations Module

- Central storage depot for organizational information reduces errors and inconsistencies
- Manage contacts and account information for vendors, publishers, and consortiums
- Aliasing for tracking acronyms and name changes

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Usage Statistics Module

- Supports [COUNTER](#) reports
- Automated retrieval of usage reports using [SUSHI](#)
- Can check for outlier statistics
- Store login credentials and URLs for vendor statistics portals
- Improve upon a manual process of downloading reports from multiple sites and consolidating them into spreadsheets

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Management Module

- Store documents such as policies and procedures related to ERM
- Documents can be assigned a Type and placed in Groups
- Documents can be archived

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In Summary

CORAL is an excellent open source ERM option for public libraries

- Not tied to other products or platforms
- Implement only the modules needed
- Provide clear streamlined structure

Thank you!

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