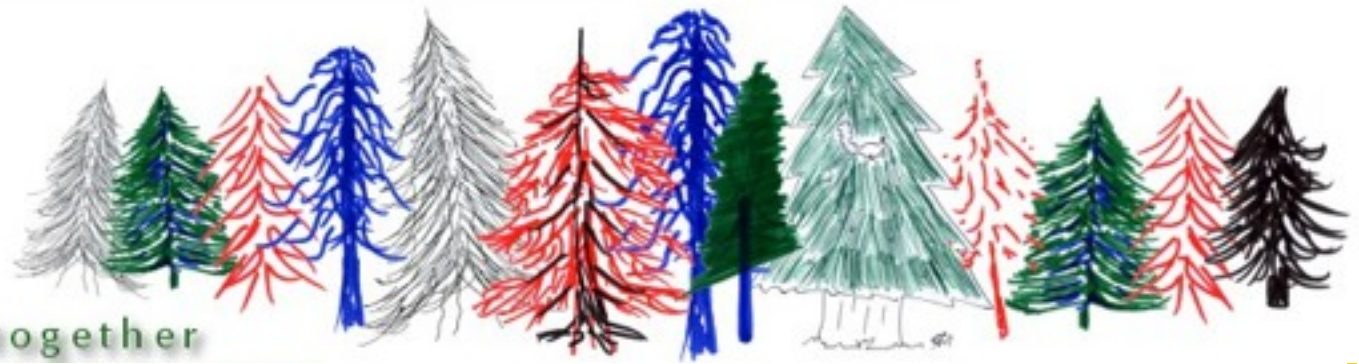


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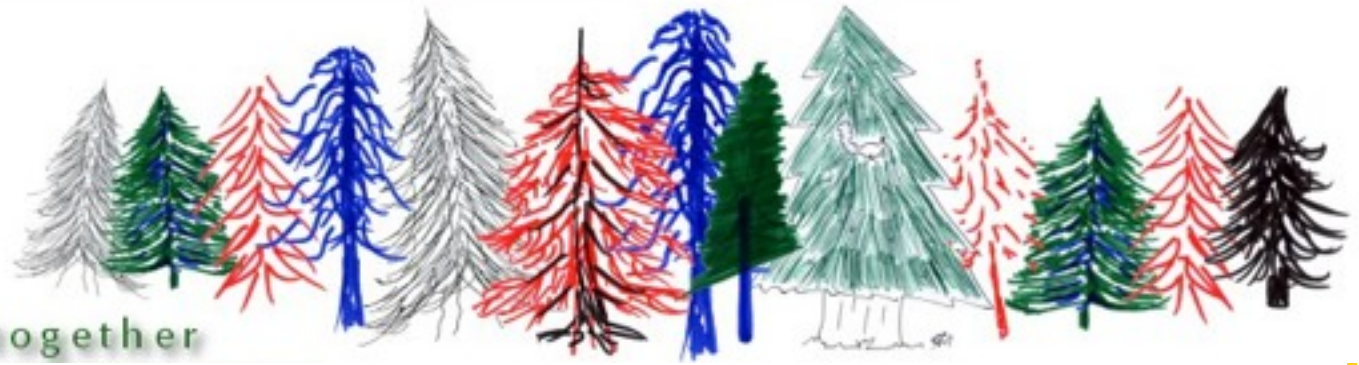
## What is Sitka?

- A BC-based library consortium sharing a centrally managed ILS.
- Powered by Evergreen, the award winning open source ILS.
- Professionally hosted and supported by a dedicated, BC-based team.
- Core strategic infrastructure – ensures all member libraries are able to provide the latest electronic services and resources.
- Poised for considerable growth and the delivery of impressive new ‘large library’ functionality for its membership.

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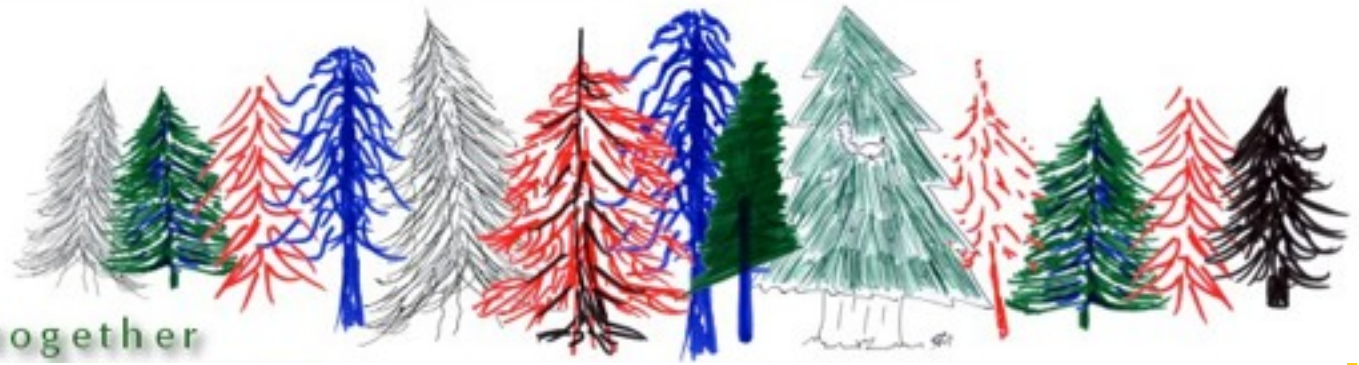


## How is Sitka Different from a Commercial Solution?

- Local, dedicated capacity and expertise – hosting, support, development and more.
- Sitka's members are its users and its managers.
- Sitka collaborates with jurisdictional partners to actually **carry out** software development.
- Software development costs are shared and benefit the global Evergreen community; the larger the community, the more returns.

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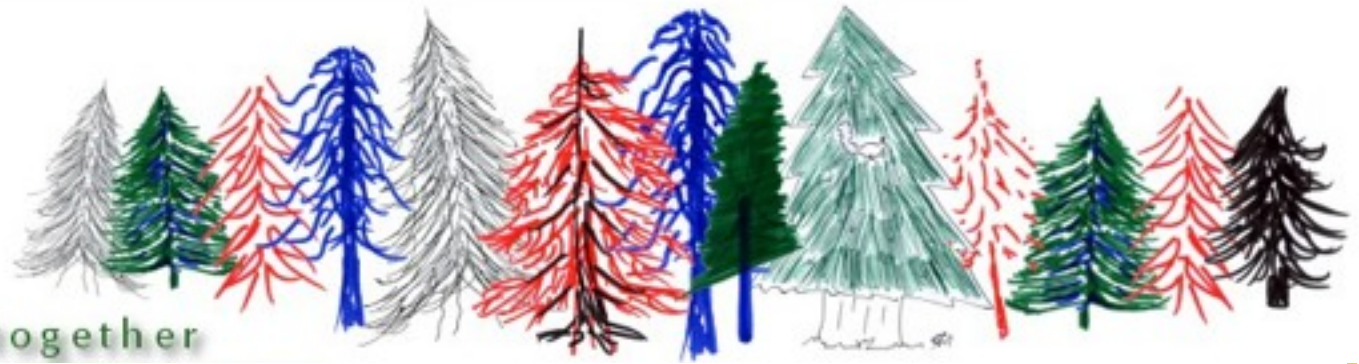
## Just a Few Consortial Advantages:

- Strength in numbers. Growing capacity in our own jurisdiction.
- Sitka creates and leverages tremendous economies of scale regionally, provincially, and globally.
- Access to negotiated products with real savings.
- Member libraries have a real voice. “Own” versus Rent
- Protection against marketplace volatility.
- Centralized database and centralized staffing ensure service continuity and relieve local pressures while fostering a development community.
- Empowering ourselves to empower our users.

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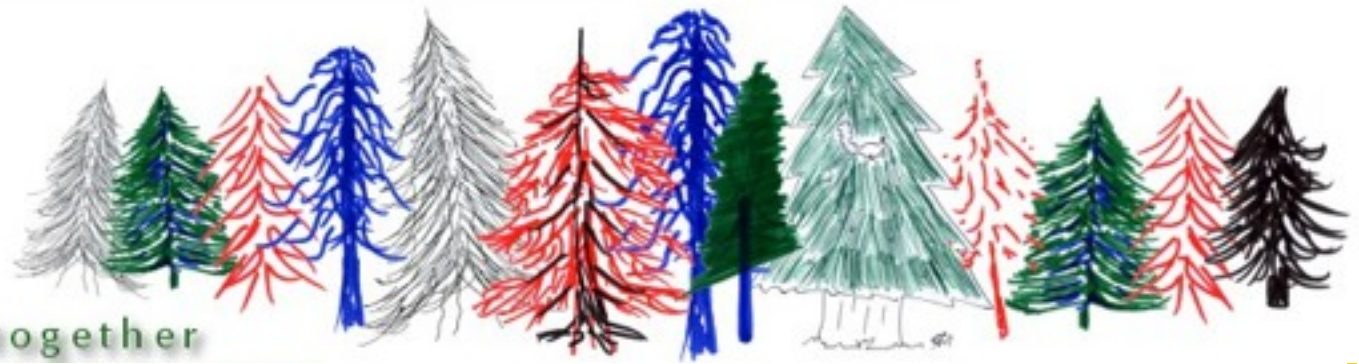
## Fit in the ILS marketplace

- Proactive and collaborative; the best of libraries.
- The Evergreen ILS was designed for – and is primarily used by – large and complex consortia, like Sitka.
- Evergreen ranks in the top of its class, according to the most recent comprehensive ILS survey.
- Strong cross-jurisdictional and cross-institutional partnerships that benefit all libraries.

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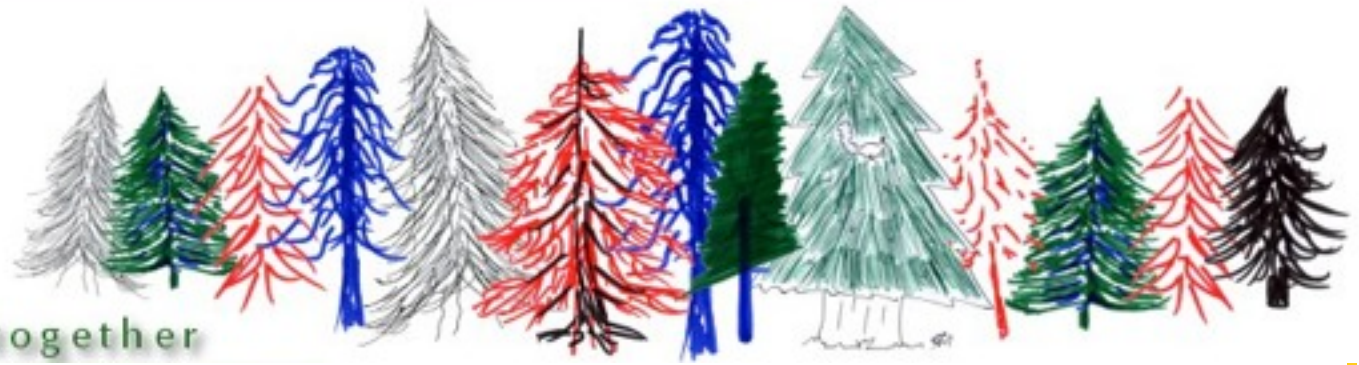


**michigan evergreen**

*a blog to update libraries on the progress of michigan's open source ils project*

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## Current status and future prospects:

- 44 libraries live, serving over 100 communities:
  - Over 1M bibliographic records
  - Over 500K patrons served
- Upgrade to latest software release this month:
  - “large library” functionality: engaging the “BIG 16”
- By the end of this year:
  - 57 libraries in 2 provinces: public & post-secondary
  - 75% of all public libraries in BC

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# BC Libraries Cooperative

## What is the Cooperative?

- BC – based, limited liability, non-profit.
- Founded by the BC Library community in 2009 in order to shape a collaborative future for libraries and develop cost-effective solutions to 21<sup>st</sup> century library challenges.
- Harnesses the tremendous buying power and cost savings of a consortium while providing the corporate ability to limit risk.
- 80 member organizations.

# BC Libraries Cooperative

## The Cooperative Model & Purpose:

- BC Libraries Cooperative Members “own” the Cooperative and guide and shape its services, policies and direction through the Members Council, Business Function Groups and the Board of Directors.
- The Cooperative exists, not to maximize profits, but to promote the economic success of its members.
- The Cooperative’s primary purpose is to address the common needs of members through shared solutions which benefit the Cooperative’s members and the people and communities in BC that they serve



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**Licensing Business  
Function Group**

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# BC Libraries Cooperative

## Who is behind the BC Libraries Cooperative?

**Board of Management – eight directors each serving either two or three year terms:**

- Greg Buss, Chief Librarian, Richmond Public Library
- Shannon Ellis, Director, Pemberton Public Library
- Kevin Kierans (**Vice Chair**), Director of Libraries, Thomson Nicola Regional District Library
- Joanne Richards, Coordinator, Kootenay Library Federation
- Margo Schiller, Director, Terrace Public Library
- Lauren Stara, Library Director, Whistler Public Library
- Edel Toner-Rogala (**Chair**), Chief Librarian, Burnaby Public Library
- Brian Owen, Associate University Librarian, Simon Fraser University
- Jacqueline van Dyk, Director, Public Library Services Branch (**ex-officio**)

# BC Libraries Cooperative

## Communications Sub-Committee

- Gordon Coleman, Project Coordinator, BC Electronic Library Network
- Shannon Ellis (**Chair**), Library Director, Pemberton & District Public Library
- Rue Ramirez, Associate University Librarian, Library Systems & Information Technology / Technical Services, University of British Columbia Library
- Joanne Richards, Coordinator, Kootenay Library Federation
- Jacqueline van Dyk, Director, Public Library Services Branch (**ex-officio**)

## Finance Sub-Committee

- Greg Buss (**Chair**), Chief Librarian, Richmond Public Library
- Joanne Richards, Coordinator, Kootenay Library Federation
- Margo Schiller, Director, Terrace Public Library

## Staff and Contractors

- Managing Director (starting May 2, 2011)
- The Sitka team and other notable contractors

# BC Libraries Cooperative

## Plans for the Near Future:

- Growth of Sitka
- Growth of Licensing offerings
- Infrastructure growth
- Increased communications
- More opportunities to engage
- Strategic Planning

## For more information:

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