

# Introducing the MassLNC Evergreen Development Initiative

*When Evergreen sites work together, great things happen*

The MassLNC Evergreen Development Initiative is an opportunity for libraries and consortia running Evergreen to maximize their resources by pooling funds to sponsor exciting new features and needed bug fixes in Evergreen. Evergreen sites are invited to participate at one of two membership levels.

## Collaborators

All MassLNC Evergreen Development Initiative Collaborators are full partners in the MassLNC development decision-making process and will receive the following benefits:

- ▶ Representation on the MassLNC Development Committee, the group that drives all development decisions for the cooperative;
- ▶ A voice in deciding which projects are funded with the larger, shared development pool, not just your smaller contribution to the pool;
- ▶ Experienced project management services for projects funded by the shared pool;
- ▶ Access to the MassLNC Ideas site, where library staff at all levels can submit ideas for new Evergreen features and show support for ideas submitted by others;
- ▶ Participation in surveys used to identify needed enhancements;
- ▶ Participation in all stages of the project to ensure enhancements meet the needs of your users.

## Idea Generators

All MassLNC Evergreen Development Initiative Idea Generators will suggest directions for software development with little time commitment and will receive the following benefits:

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- ▶ Access to the MassLNC Ideas site, where library staff at all levels can submit ideas for new Evergreen features and show support for ideas submitted by others;
- ▶ Participation in surveys used to identify needed enhancements.

## Development Decisions

The MassLNC Development Committee has final authority to decide which projects will receive funding from the development pool. Those decisions are based on a number of factors, including activity on the MassLNC Ideas site, greatest area of need, and best strategic direction for the Evergreen project.



## Join Forces with MassLNC

Since 2010, MassLNC has proven its ability to work with multiple partners to prioritize and manage development projects of all sizes that have improved Evergreen for everyone.

MassLNC has worked with seven vendors / contract developers in the community to bring new features and bug fixes to Evergreen. Our projects include:

- ▶ Billing improvements, including the ability to prohibit negative balances;
- ▶ Support for texting hold notices and call numbers;
- ▶ Enhanced formats, providing flexibility in the formats used for icons and search filters;
- ▶ Support for monographic parts, allowing users to place holds on a specific disc or volume.

## Project Management Services

Managing a software development project can be complex. Clearly articulating the goal of the project, finding qualified developers who can perform the work, and thoroughly testing the code in a timely manner to ensure it meets the needs of libraries require time and expertise.

MassLNC manages all aspects of the project, leaving contributors free to be involved in development without the significant time commitment required to implement their own project.

Fifteen percent of the fee will support the following project management services:

- ▶ creation of detailed requirements that clearly describe the desired end result of the project;
- ▶ securing qualified vendors/developers to perform the work;
- ▶ negotiation of development contracts;
- ▶ thorough review of technical specifications to ensure they meet the original requirements;
- ▶ experienced and comprehensive testing for each development project;
- ▶ community-level advocacy to shepherd the final code into Evergreen;
- ▶ and resolution of any problems that arise along the way.

The full remainder of the fee will directly fund development projects.

For an additional fee, MassLNC can also provide on-demand project management services for enhancements that an Evergreen site opts to fund on its own.

## Contact

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