Welcome to SCLENDs!

Working in a consortium environment with open source software is a unique experience. Here are some tips to help you navigate this world:

Terminology
- **SCLENDs**: the official name for the library consortium. This term refers to the collection of library systems and not to software.
- **Evergreen**: the ILS (integrated library system) that SCLENDs uses. Evergreen is open source and therefore not owned by any entity.
  - **ILS**: the software that libraries use to manage all day-to-day functions: circulation, cataloging, etc.
  - **Open source**: software whose code is available to anyone, free of charge. It is not owned by a company. It is community-driven, and the community guides the development.
- **Equinox**: the company that hosts Evergreen for us. They help us troubleshoot, provide training, oversee projects we undertake, and generally lend a helping hand. Roughly speaking, Equinox support stands in place of a systems administrator for SCLENDs.
  - **Don't forget**: Equinox manages Evergreen software, but it does not own Evergreen and is not ultimately responsible for Evergreen development.

Communication
- **Workgroups**: every day-to-day library function has a working group. The active working groups are: advisory, cataloging, circulation, and systems administration.
- **Listservs**: the workgroups communicate via listserv. It’s important that each library system have a “point person” on each listserv.
- **Master contacts list**: a master contacts list is available online. It allows you to reach a dedicated contact at another SCLENDs system.

Transporting Items
- **Innovative**: Innovative Courier Solutions transports materials between SCLENDs libraries.
  - If you have any sort of issue related to the courier, it is vital that you report it.

Other Resources:
- **SCLENDs home page**: [http://sclends.lib.sc.us/eg/opac/home](http://sclends.lib.sc.us/eg/opac/home). Homepage for the SCLENDs catalog. Across the bottom of the page, you will find further helpful links.
- **Information for SCLENDs Members resource guide**: [https://guides.statelibrary.sc.gov/member-info](https://guides.statelibrary.sc.gov/member-info)