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Celebrating, promoting and supporting free  
software in libraries

thanks

freedom

discover new ideas

learn

share

associate

remove arbitrary controls

form communities

collaborate

spread knowledge

self direction



"all that separates, whether of race, class, creed, or sex, is inhuman, and must be overcome."

# Four Freedoms

## “Everywhere in the world”

1. Freedom of speech and expression
2. Freedom of worship
3. Freedom from want
4. Freedom from fear

Franklin D. Roosevelt 1941

SAVE FREEDOM OF SPEECH

NORMAN ROCKWELL



BUY WAR BONDS

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# Why is “free” important?



tiananmen square massacre

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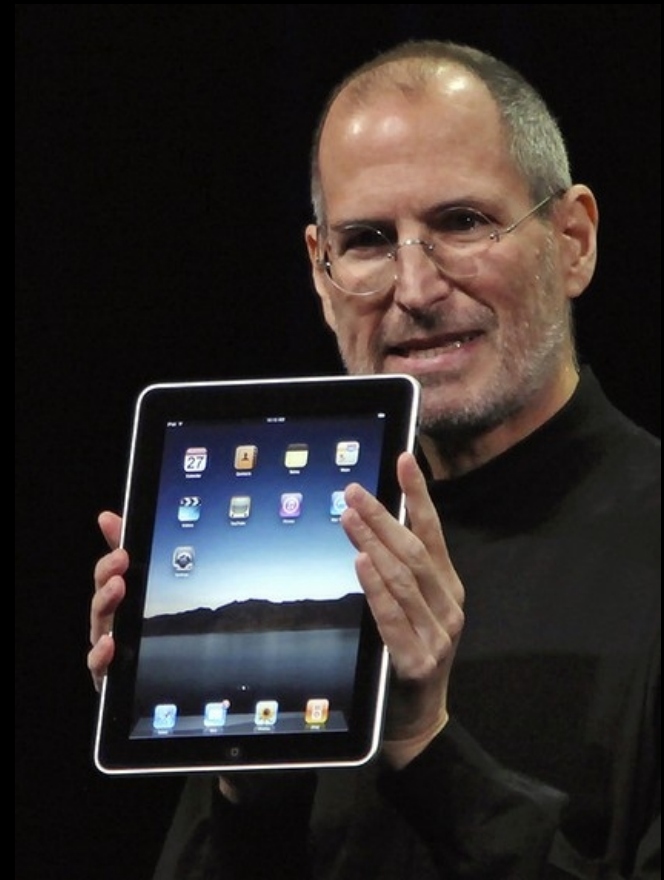
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# Anti-features



<http://wiki.mako.cc/Antifeatures>

# Annie Fraser

Learning and knowledge creates  
opportunity and choice...

Massive social and economic leap in  
one generation.

Thirst for knowledge is global

We take it for granted

...real life CIOs...



# Their words

- Freedom is a competitive landscape offering real choice of systems and suppliers.
- Freedom is escape from vendor lock-in and mitigating the risk of vendor capture.
- Freedom is flexibility to make a choice today that doesn't remove our ability to make a choice tomorrow.
- Freedom is control over software—the ability to share our experiences and adapt software to our needs.



“but Group 3 dogs learned to be helpless, and exhibited symptoms similar to chronic clinical depression.”

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“all your base are belong to us...”

```
sudo apt-get install koha
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The Cloud

## MyKoha ...is Your Koha

MyKoha is a hosted service. We manage the equipment and keep your Koha safe, reliable and up to date. You decide how you want your site to act and look, you own your data, the control is in your hands... [MORE](#)



Try MyKoha  
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### Business

Koha allows businesses, including law firms and research facilities, the full, modern and highly flexible functionality that is enjoyed by the world's top libraries, with the ability to customise and optimise performance while maintaining low costs.

► Serials management module.

### Schools

Koha is ideal for school libraries because it is built using standards and protocols that ensure interoperability between it and other systems and technologies, while supporting existing work flows and tools.

► Run a tailored catalogue module for special libraries.

# Issues with “the cloud”

My Data

My Application

Terms of Service



Enter search keywords:

Submit

[Check Out](#)

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[Search the Catalog](#)

[Home](#) > Tools

## Patrons and circulation

### [Comments](#)

Moderate patron comments

### [Import patrons](#)

Import patron data

### [Notices](#)

Define notices (print and email notification messages for overdue, etc.)

### [Overdue notice/status triggers](#)

Set notice/status triggers for overdue items

### [Patron card creator](#)

Create printable patron cards

### [Patrons \(anonymize, bulk-delete\)](#)

Delete old borrowers and anonymize circulation history (deletes borrower reading history)

### [Tags](#)

Moderate patron tags

## Catalog

### [Batch item deletion](#)

Delete a batch of items

### [Batch item modification](#)

Modify items in a batch

### [Export bibliographic and holdings](#)

Export bibliographic and holdings data

### [Inventory/stocktaking](#)

Perform inventory (stocktaking) of your catalog

### [Label creator](#)

Create printable labels and barcodes from catalog data

### [Quick spine label creator](#)

Enter a barcode to generate a printable spine label. For use with dedicated label printers

### [Stage MARC records for import](#)

Stage MARC records into the reservoir.

### [Stage MARC record management](#)

## Additional Tools

### [Calendar](#)

Define days when the library is closed

### [CSV profiles](#)

Manage CSV export profiles

### [Log viewer](#)

Browse the system logs

### [News](#)

Write news for the OPAC and staff interfaces

### [Task scheduler](#)

Schedule tasks to run

### [Database dump](#)

Download latest database dump.

# World Famous Everywhere Except NZ





## Welcome to Open Network Libraries

Open Network Libraries is an initiative created to enable libraries to collaborate on the shared goal of serving their communities better. We advocate the use of **free and open source tools** so that libraries can spend money on books, not on licence fees. By joining Open Network Libraries, you'll be joining an active and **diverse community of librarians and technologists** who are dedicated to openly sharing knowledge, information, and ideas to facilitate cost effective solutions.

### Open Network Libraries:

- Your library, Your way
- Transparent and Open
- Community

JOIN US



## Latest News

### Release candidate of Koha 3.2.0 available

Sunday, October 17, 2010 - 17:07

I have uploaded the release candidate for Koha 3.2.0. Changes since the beta include:

- fixes to the upgrade of acquisitions data from 3.0
- various bugfixes, particularly to acquisitions, serials, and label creation
- improvements to test case coverage

## Recommended Book



### Practical Open Source Software for Libraries

Nicole C Engard, ByWater Solutions, USA  
provides a toolbox of practical software that librarians can use both inside and out of the library.

Jo Ransom

“Open network libraries are committed to sharing knowledge, information, and ideas.”



# Vendor Capability



# Practitioners

Form alliances, support each other, demonstrate  
values and benefits

Koha and free and open source is always  
vulnerable

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“The Evil Overlord”

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