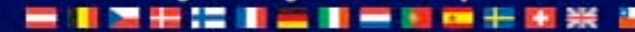


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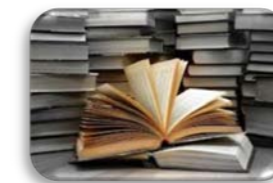
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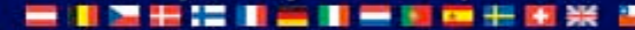
- ▶ 2 branches (Germany, Chile)
- ▶ approx. 15,000 (print) books
- ▶ various ebook packages
- ▶ 150 journal subscriptions (mostly e-only)



## ▶ Library system Unicorn (SirsiDynix):

- ▶ expensive maintenance
- ▶ hardly new developments (OPAC)
- ▶ “black box”





# Decision for OpenSource library system

- ▶ Koha system (<http://koha-community.org>)
  - ▶ Sufficiently developed:  
basic acquisitions module, more sophisticated version to be released
  - ▶ Widely used
  - ▶ Moderate costs
- ▶ Service provider: PTFS Europe (<http://www.ptfs-europe.com/products/koha>)
  - ▶ PTFS Europe experienced with Unicorn (data migration)





# Some words about Koha / OpenSource

▶ First Koha library 2000 in New Zealand

▶ Available free of charge (GNU General Public License), several companies offer support (for a fee)

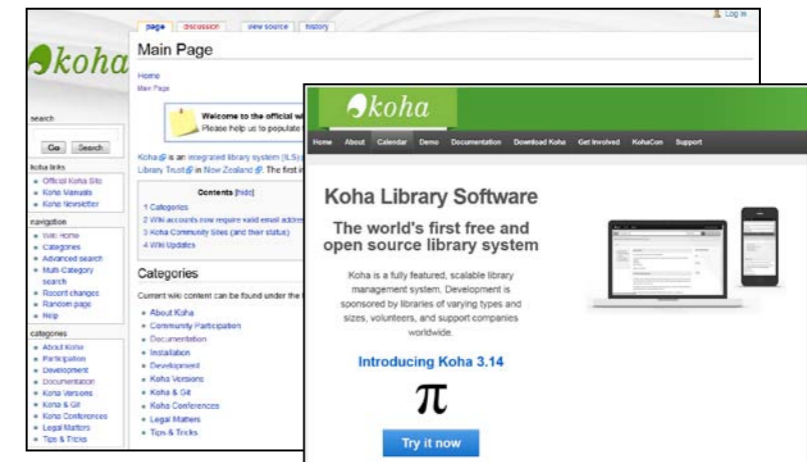


▶ Quickly growing worldwide community

▶ Well organized release schedule:  
- New features are released every six months  
- Bugfixes are released every month



▶ Many information sources:  
informative webpage with documentation,  
wiki, newsletters, conferences, ....





# On the way to migration...

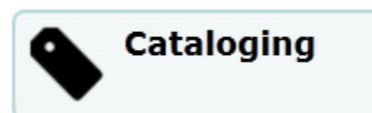
- ▶ Migration originally put on hold  
→ wait for new acquisition module
- ▶ Next Koha version:  
acq module still not ideal, but ok to start migration
- ▶ SAAS (Software As A Service):  
System hosted at PTFS → easy and permanent access for provider



# Migration

- ▶ System installation by PTFS; modules used by ESO:

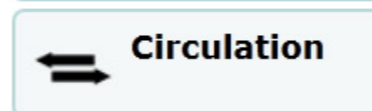
- ▶ Cataloguing



- ▶ Acquisition



- ▶ Circulation



- ▶ OPAC

- ▶ *not used: serials module*

- ▶ Data mapping in close consultation PTFS / ESO

- ▶ Extensive testing of:

- ▶ migrated data

- ▶ workflows

- ▶ functionalities





# Migration - Communication

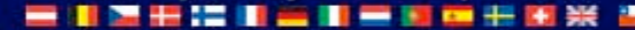
- ▶ Email
- ▶ growing Google Docs list to keep track of all issues
- ▶ weekly skype conferences



Communication since migration mainly via

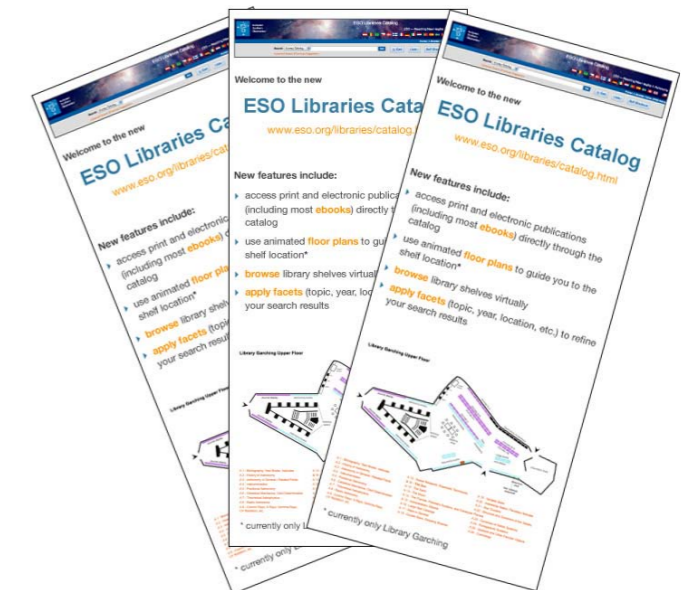
- ▶ Email
- ▶ Ticket system





# First light

- ▶ 11 June 2012
- ▶ Announcement via email and on library website
- ▶ Flyer with basic info about Koha
- ▶ Presentations in the library
- ▶ Info on library catalog in introductory presentation for ESO newcomers
- ▶ Old system kept in parallel for some time







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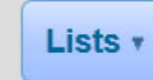


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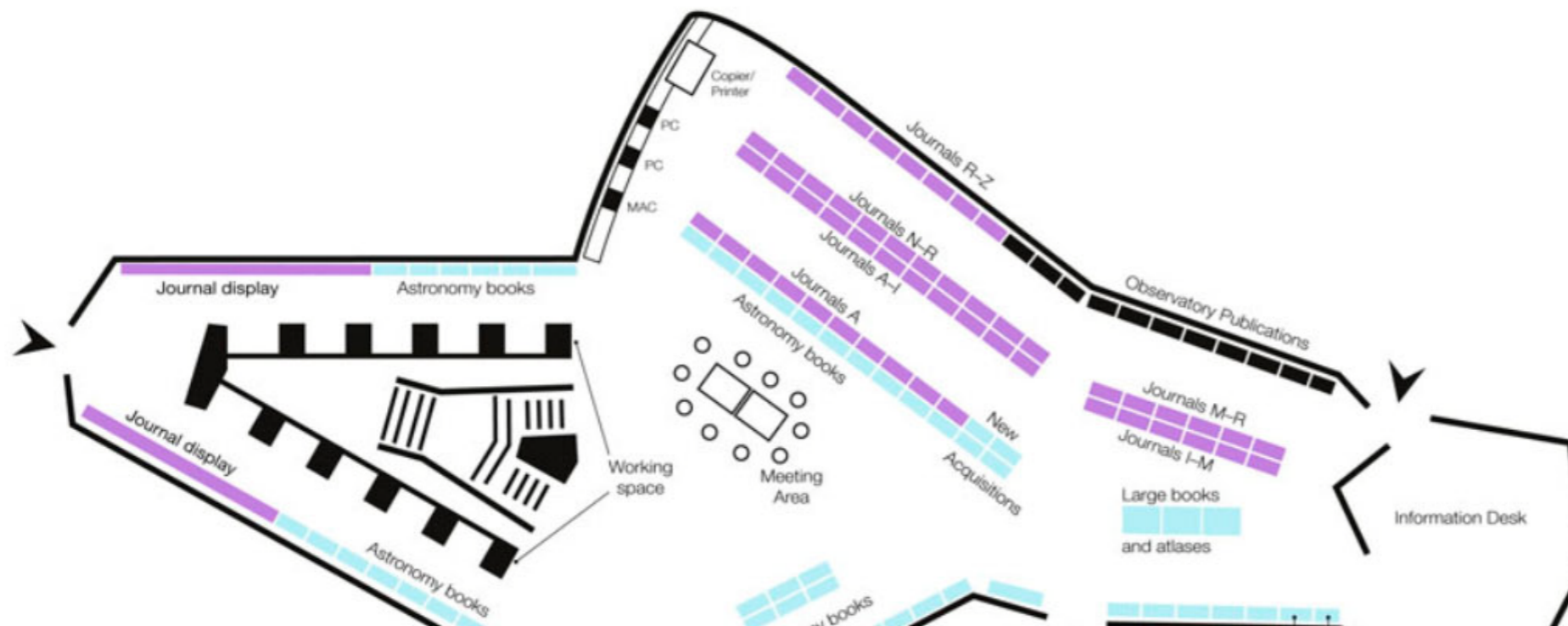
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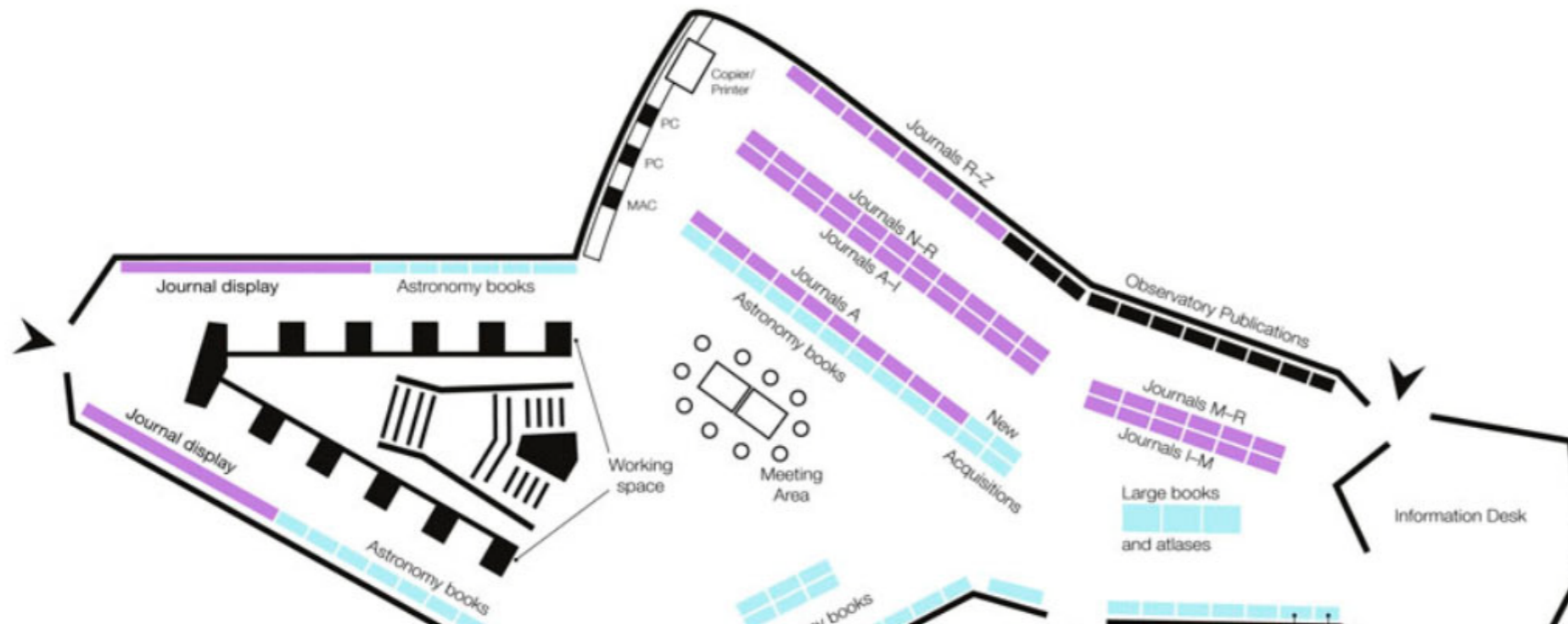
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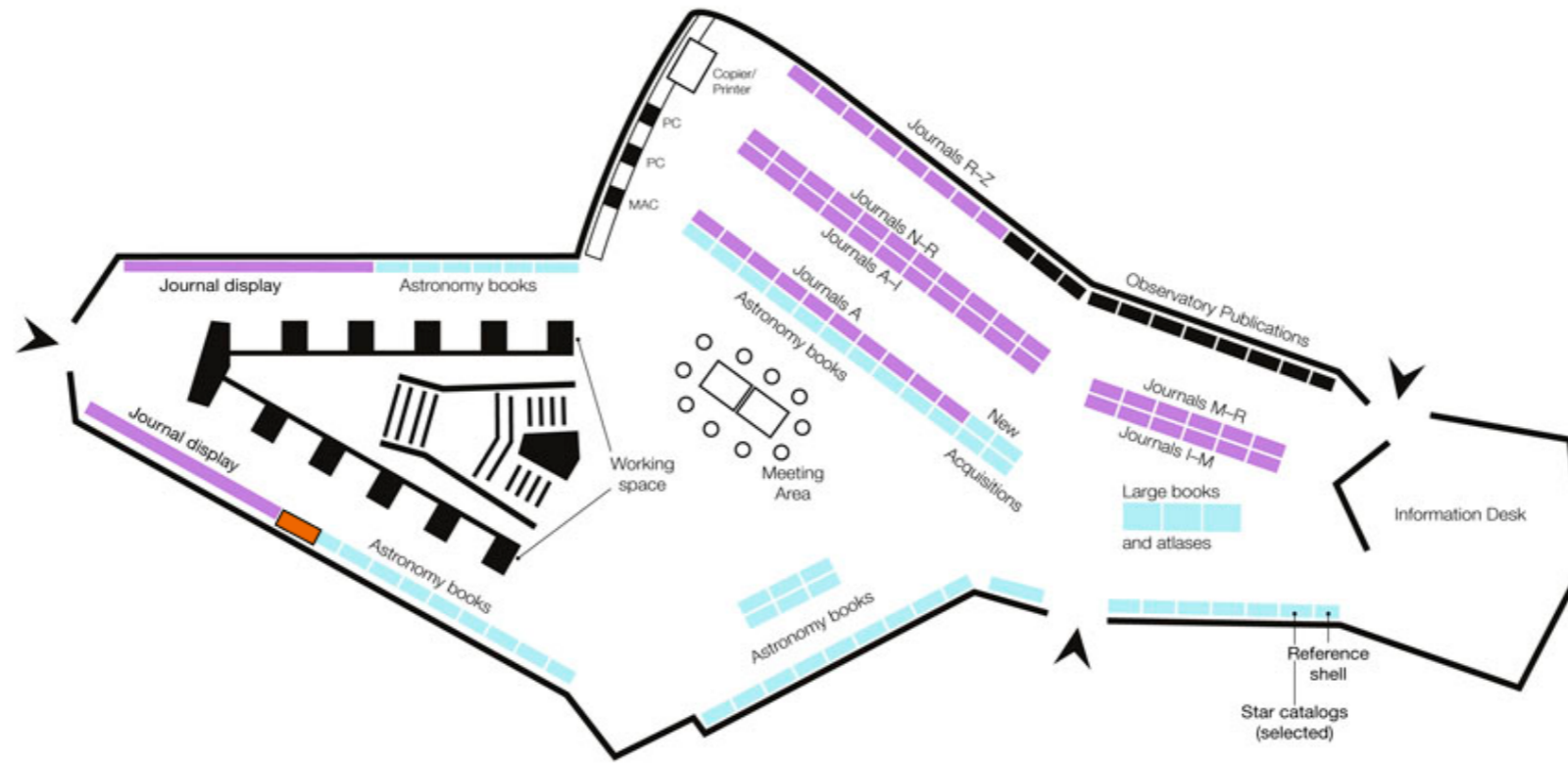
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- ▶ Migration is a lot of work
- ▶ Need to be open to apply new workflows
- ▶ Lots of possibilities to adjust the system
- ▶ Active community offers support, ideas, further developments
- ▶ Openness of system and data



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