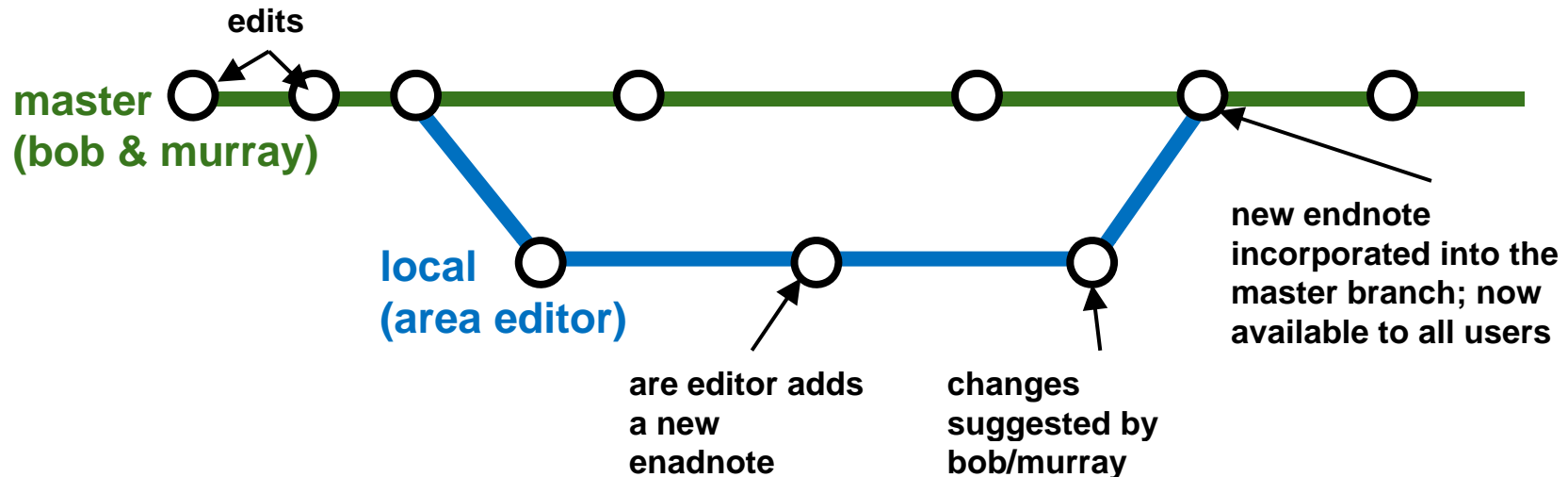


# Collaborative Authoring: the branch-and-merge model



- Borrows from software development collaboration patterns
  - version control method popularized by GitHub
- Branch can be a full copy of the XML source files, if you want them
  - Schools can keep a specialized “local edition” of the book by not merging their edits back into the master
  - anyone can generate their own ebook file from their XML source

# Collaborative Authoring in XML

## Core Book Source

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<para>Lorem ipsum Glushko sit amet</para>  
<para> Quisque porta arcu TDO metus</para>
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## Area editor's new content

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<footnote role="LIS">  
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</footnote>
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- Endnotes and sidebars are self-contained XML elements
  - To add them to the book, they just need to be inserted where the reference should appear
- Format is standardized – so you don't have to write in XML if you don't want to
  - Provide the proper content and Murray, our production and markup editor, can work with you to convert it