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## Library System Announces Self-Check Stations

Carlisle, Pennsylvania — The Cumberland County Library System announced today that self-check stations are now available at its three largest and busiest libraries,

Cleve J. Fredricksen Library in Camp Hill, Bosler

Memorial Library in Carlisle and Joseph T. Simpson Public

Library in Mechanicsburg, for library card members'

convenience. Five self-check stations are available: one at

Bosler, one at Simpson and three at Fredricksen.



Jonelle Darr, Executive Director of the Library System, said that self-check should make it even easier and faster for people to borrow items.

"Library use continues to grow in Cumberland County with an average of nearly 1000 people visiting Bosler, Fredricksen and Simpson every day. Yet, due to limited funds for additional staff and a fixed number of circulation desk stations (3 at each library's adult service desk), waiting lines to borrow materials were often very long."

As a result, Darr said that customers were leaving without having time to checkout materials because of long lines, or families were leaving without their books when their children got impatient waiting in line. The new stations are expected to reduce waiting times and congestion at circulation desks, and allow customers to borrow library items conveniently.

Library card members are responding positively. Sue Erdman, director at Simpson Public Library said that a common response was "Wow, it's like Giant!" Barbara Tosiano, reference librarian at Fredricksen Library says that people are finding the self-check stations to be "very user-friendly, convenient and fun."

Library customers using self-check need to have a Cumberland County Library System library card and know their library account PIN. Also, library card holders cannot have \$5 or more in library fines or overdue items on their account.

Public and private grants funded the purchase and installation of the equipment.

The five self-check stations cost \$57,685. The self-check station located in the Pollock

Children's Library at Fredricksen Library was funded by a gift from the Friends of

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