

## **Two New RFID-based 3M SelfCheck Systems Take the Stage at 2006 American Library Association Midwinter Conference; Customer Satisfaction Increases, Costs Decline**

Two new SelfCheck Systems from 3M make their first appearance in booth 1256 at the 2006 American Library Association (ALA) Midwinter Conference on Jan. 20-23 in San Antonio, Texas.

Debuting are the SelfCheck System C-Series for material check-in and the SelfCheck System R-Series for material checkout and check-in. Both systems use the power of radio frequency identification (RFID) to help improve materials management, further simplify library self-service transactions, reduce costs and improve customer satisfaction.

Features of SelfCheck System C-Series for material check-in include:

Realtime check-in enabled by accurate read of RFID tags that instantly records returned items and lets customers immediately checkout new items.

Simple-to-use 3M Digital Library Assistant connection to help speed sorting and return of in-demand items to the shelves.

UL-listed equipment that complies with state and local regulations.

Web-based monitoring and diagnostic capabilities that let administrators remotely troubleshoot systems to quickly resolve situations such as a printer out of paper or an offline circulation system.

Features of the SelfCheck System R-Series for checkout and check-in include:

Accurate read of RFID tags placed on items to provide fast and efficient self-checkout of all library materials. Simple instructions and an easy-use touch screen that delivers a high success rate to first-time self-checkout users.

UL-listed equipment that complies with state and local regulations.

Web-based monitoring and diagnostic capabilities that allow administrators to troubleshoot systems from any location.

Selectable check-in method that empowers the customer to process materials for check-in.

"In addition, all SelfCheck Systems now notify library staff by e-mail when printer paper is low, and offer customers the choice of either a paper or e-mail receipt at checkout," said Rory Yanchek, business manager, 3M Library Systems. "We're proud to add to our already robust line of customizable library solutions. Our new systems and features make it easier for libraries to choose systems to meet their distinctive needs and easily migrate from one system to another as their needs change."

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