

Phase One of San Francisco Public Library's Adoption of 3M SelfCheck Systems is Complete

23 Units Installed at Seven Locations to Date;
Project Will Encompass 68 Units and Extend into 2011

ST. PAUL, Minn.--([BUSINESS WIRE](#))--3M Library Systems has completed the first phase of its installation of 3M SelfCheck Systems for the San Francisco Public Library, installing a total of 23 systems in seven locations, according to Rory Yanchek, business manager, 3M Library Systems.

The project, which is scheduled for completion in 2011, will encompass a total of 68 SelfCheck System V-Series units in the Main library and all 28 branches. A second phase will begin this summer, and a third phase will complete the project in 2011.

The SelfCheck Systems will enable the San Francisco library's customers to check out and renew print, audio and visual media without the assistance of library staff. The system also provides security, in conjunction with 3M Detection Systems.

"Early reaction to the self-checkout machines from staff and the public has been very positive, with numerous comments about the ease of use," said Kathy Lawhun, chief, Main library. She notes that about 45 percent of total circulation now is handled by the 10 SelfCheck Systems in the Main library, adding that the two machines dedicated to audio-visual items "are especially busy."

"It's a very substantial productivity enhancement that is rapidly gaining widespread acceptance across the country, as libraries seek to expand services with little or no extra funding," says Yanchek.

Phase one of the San Francisco project, completed in about eight weeks, encompassed the Main Library and the Chinatown, Excelsior, Mission, Mission Bay, Sunset and West Portal branches.

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