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**Library Implements RFID Technology, New Self-Checkout Machines**

The expansion and renovation of the Woodbourne Library has prompted some related technological improvements at Washington-Centerville Public Library. The Library recently converted the entire Centerville Library collection from a barcode system to a RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) system, as well as installed new RFID compatible self-checkout machines and security gates. Not only does RFID offer the most up-to-date technology, making it compatible with new self-checkout and security systems being purchased for the renovated Woodbourne Library, but it offers several benefits including:

- Faster checkout/checkin – Library staff can scan multiple items at once expediting the time it takes to serve patrons. Additionally, patrons can do the same using the self-checkout machines.
- Fewer misplaced items – Rows of shelves can be scanned using an RFID ‘wand’ which alerts staff to items that are missing or out of order. This ensures items will be in the proper location when patrons go to find them on the shelf.
- More ergonomically friendly – The ability to scan multiple items at once reduces the potential for repetitive motion injuries.

New self-checkout machines were also installed and offer a few new features to patrons, including the ability to renew items from the kiosk, as well as checkout new items. Patrons who prefer to store their library card in a wallet type app on their smartphone, can scan their card at the self-checkout using that device. A four-digit pin is required to use the self-checkout machines and offer an additional layer of account security. Patrons who need assistance setting up a new pin or resetting an existing pin should

contact the Library for assistance. For more information on Washington-Centerville Public Library, visit [wclibrary.info](http://wclibrary.info)

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