

New self-checkout stations coming to the library

Checking items out from the library is about to become much easier.

Mead Public Library is a couple months away from installing automated book-checkout stations that won't require users to search for and scan a bar code. Instead, patrons can simply place items on the new machines - and the equipment does the rest.

Visitors will be in and out quicker, and library items will be turned around in a fraction of the time, as the same technology will be used when books are returned.

The machines will also accept debit cards and one will even take cash. Online payments will be offered at www.meadpl.org in the near future, as well.