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21st Century Library Innovations and Inspirations!!

Today my Library hit an innovation milestone. After months of negotiation, planning, board convincing, budgeting, and financial paperwork, we took delivery of our brand new media box! (think Redbox meets library card!!). It is the first of its kind in the state of New Jersey and the 35th of its kind in the USA!

After years of pulling DVDs out of drawers or binders or little paper sleeves or fighting with security cases (that you would swear were designed specifically to drive you insane) or whatever other 'brilliant' process we contrived, we have reached the 21st Century with our circulation processes for DVDs. This technology will secure, checkout & dispense, accept returns, check-in, and re shelf at least 2000 DVDs titles. It will allow staffing resources to be reallocated to other library needs. It will generate reports based on circulation and browsing history detailing the most and least popular titles in the collection. It will, within librarian-defined parameters, generate lists for regular weeding and automatically dispense titles chosen for removal to the librarian in a batch upon demand.

And best of all, the patron's are ecstatic! They understand "RedBox-style" and they love interactive and 'patron-managed' services!

It was a great day.

(Watch for a future post about the Media Box and the arduous journey to its acquisition!)







In the spirit of 21st Century Library Innovation, this is a snapshot of another library innovation happening all around the Country! Innovation is in the Air!

[Aurora Public Library Receives Innovation Award for KMart Branch!](#)

Inspired??

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