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## Hunterdon County Library Offers Patrons Self-Service Stations and cloudLibrary App For User-Friendly Library Services

The Hunterdon County Library is excited to announce new self-service stations inside the Rt. 12, North County and South County Branch libraries as well as the addition of the cloudLibrary app for smart device users, giving patrons two new options for convenient library use.

Hunterdon County Freeholder Zach Rich, Library Commission liaison, said, "The County's libraries are a community resource and virtual options available for checking out library materials has allowed operations to continue safely. Non-patrons with smart devices will be able to use the new cloudLibrary app and if that isn't an option, self-service stations inside the library offer the same services and are also no-contact."

Self-service stations at Headquarters Library, North County Branch and South County Branch Hunterdon County Library allows users to easily borrow or renew items and check their account. The new stations are "low-touch" options for our users to safely check out and renew materials and manage their accounts without staff assistance.

Freeholder Rich added, "The self-check-out stations inside all three libraries were approved for purchase by the Freeholder Board several weeks ago and we are pleased at how quickly they've been installed."

Additionally, Library users can also check out materials using their own smart devices by downloading the cloudLibrary app.  The cloudLibrary app allows you to check out materials on your own device, sends notifications for when holds are ready and checkouts are coming due, displays current checkouts and account balances, builds a reading history and allows you to manage family accounts.

Library Director, James Keehbler stated, "The new self-service stations and cloudLibrary app allow the library to apply technology solutions to provide a more seamless and user-friendly library experience for our users while also allowing new ways to provide socially distant high quality library service."

Freeholder Rich concluded, "The Library's no-contact, virtual options allow library users access to materials, learning platforms, audio books and research databases, and because they are online, library card holders have user-friendly digital options available.

Continuing this service has been a vital lifeline for local library users and we are grateful to our library staff for the innovative services they have made available."