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Orange County Library System introduces mobile checkout, virtual library cards as part of new library app launch

On December 2, Orange County Library System begins offering a digital version of your library card that can be stored in your phone, mobile checkout with interactive receipts, and a brand-new Express Collection to all library users through the cloudLibrary app.

With cloudLibrary, a user's library card is just a touch away, eliminating the frustration of a forgotten or misplaced card. In addition, users can add multiple cards and switch between accounts with ease.

cloudLibrary users can favorite, mark as read, and sort and filter a digital record of their library borrow history. This helps Orange County Library System users manage the items they've borrowed and remember which books they've already enjoyed. The app also allows library users to view and cancel current hold items, renew currently borrowed materials, and receive due date reminder notifications – helping users avoid late fees and return items on time.

cloudLibrary's My Book Bag feature offers busy library users a fun and functional way to ensure they have all of their returning items before visiting the library. Great for parents with kids who checkout many books during each visit, the My Book Bag feature allows users to mark which items they've physically collected before leaving home.

cloudLibrary also comes with an Express Collection, which offers users access to a variety of newer releases that can be read or listened to on a smartphone. Titles in the Express Collection can't be checked out for longer than seven days or placed on hold, making popular ebooks and audiobooks more available to users. There's no waiting for titles with the Express Collection – if the title is listed, it's available. The Orange County Library System is the first library in Florida to offer this new service to customers.

Mobile checkout eliminates the need to visit the selfCheck kiosk or circulation desk to borrow items. Using cloudLibrary, users can now check out materials using their own digital device.

“We’re excited about this service and the increased convenience it provides for our users both in and outside of our library’s walls,” says Danielle King, Chief Branch Officer for the Orange County Library System.

The new service is offered at no cost to all library users, requiring only a valid library card. bibliotheca’s cloudLibrary app is available for free through the Apple App Store or Google Play Store or by visiting www.yourcloudlibrary.com. Users will then need to follow the prompts and simply login using their library card number and PIN.

The service will be available for Orange County Library System users beginning December 2. For more information, visit ocls.info/tags/cloudlibrary or call the library at 407-835-7323.

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