



NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: December 5, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Nick Wilczek, County Librarian**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the capital asset purchase of 8 self-check kiosks with installation and software in the amount of \$75,179 for the Nevada County Library System and amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Library Budget (4/5 affirmative vote required)

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution.

FUNDING: The capital asset purchase will be purchased from the Library Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget. A budget amendment has been included in the amount of \$75,179 to accommodate the capital asset purchase, installation, and one year of software subscription.

BACKGROUND:

Nevada County Library is purchasing new self-check machines for the Madlyn Helling, Grass Valley, Bear River, Penn Valley, and Truckee libraries. The new self-check units will replace existing machines as well as add additional units. This purchase will create a uniformity of experience for staff and patrons across all locations. Other benefits include standardized maintenance and repair cycles and an enhanced user interface. As previously stated, in addition to replacing 5 of the existing models, this purchase will add 3 additional units throughout the county. Two of these new units will be located in the Youth Services Department of the Madelyn Helling and Grass Valley libraries and the third new unit will go into the new South County Library location. These additional machines will provide yet another option for library services to the families in our community.

There are two primary providers of library self-check equipment: Bibliotheca and Envisionware. The library explored both options and decided on the Bibliotheca product. The Bibliotheca units feature a more modern and intuitive interface than the competitor, are easily convertible from desktop to pedestal units, and have an advanced recommendation system. When a customer uses the new Bibliotheca units, the machine's software will offer recommended titles that can be put on hold with one touch, effectively connecting our patrons to more library materials. The ability to use the same units in a desktop or pedestal configuration allows for maximum flexibility within library locations. This resolution retroactively approves the capital asset purchase and amends the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Library Budget in the amount of \$75,179.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Nick Wilczek, County Librarian