

## **3M Library Systems Unveils Two Advanced RFID Workstations With Additional Enhancements for Productivity and Security**

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*New Products Take Speed, Efficiency and Ease of Use to New Levels  
For Checkout, Return and Item Verification; Fewer False Alarms*

SEATTLE, WA, January 19, 2007 – The application of radio frequency identification (RFID) technology for critical library functions has just become more productive and user-friendly than ever before.

3M Library Systems has unveiled two workstations with new features that make them fast, reliable and easy to use RFID products in the library environment. They were introduced here today at the American Library Association’s annual Mid-Winter Meeting, being held at the Washington State Convention & Trade Center.

“These new workstations significantly extend the large productivity gains that radio frequency identification technology brings to library operations,” said Rory Yanchek, business manager, 3M Library Systems. “3M’s RFID products are helping library staffs provide more services to meet growing public demand, even in the face of budget constraints and the need to accommodate burgeoning non-print collections.”

3M Staff Workstation Model 946 offers an improved desensitizing rate, and a significantly lower false-alarm rate compared to its predecessor model. The system links to the library’s existing ILS, so no additional computer is required, which means less space is taken up.

Like its 3M predecessor model, the Model 946 – with its ergonomic design – performs checkout or return in one step, combining RFID item identification and Tattle-Tape Security Strip in the same operation. The system also can perform barcode-to-RFID conversions for new acquisitions and smaller scale collections. For visual and audio media, it enables staff to verify that the case and

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item within match, without opening the case, and can confirm the presence of a sensitized Tattle-Tape Security Strip by means of a verifier light.

Also introduced today was the 3M Conversion Station Model 812, an improved self-contained portable system for rapidly scanning barcodes and converting the data for RFID. Compared to its predecessor model, it contains a larger touch-sensitive screen, an easier-to-load 3M RFID tag dispenser, and the capability of converting all 3M RFID Tag formats.

Similar to its predecessor, Model 812's sophisticated laser scanner is effective for virtually any barcode location or orientation, and provides a visible scan line that helps the user place items correctly. Because it does not require connection to an automated circulation system, the workstation can be easily moved on its cart for use in the stacks. The station also can reprogram RFID tags as items change.

Both new workstations meet the EU RoHS (European Union's Restriction of Hazardous Substances) directive. RoHS restricts the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment, including that sold to the library market. To learn more about how 3M Library Systems products meet the EU RoHS directive, visit [3M.com/us/library](http://3M.com/us/library) and click RoHS compliance.

3M Library Systems can be visited at the ALA Mid-Winter Meeting in booth 1415.

A global leader in library innovation for more than 35 years, 3M Library Systems provides security, productivity and information management solutions that harness technology to enable a more human library, freeing librarians to spend more time doing what they do best – helping people. 3M also partners with libraries to support their technological advancement and ensure their success through numerous industry sponsorships and programs. For more information about the 3M Library Systems solutions, visit <http://www.3M.com/us/library> or call 1-800-253-6845.

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