

Case Study

LAT-Stena™

About Brentwood Public Library

The Brentwood Public Library first opened its doors to the public in 1937 in the cloakroom of the old firehouse located on First Avenue. During the next twenty-four years, the library was housed in a building on First Avenue (then the Annex of the Brentwood Public Schools' Administration Building) and eventually moved to a small building on the southwest corner of Third Avenue and Fourth Street.

The library was relocated to a new building in 1961 on the corner of Second Avenue and Fourth Street. During the next twenty years, this building was enlarged numerous times. In 1986, the residents of Brentwood approved the construction of a new library building to be located on the same site.

Today's library, dedicated on April 1, 1990, provides the entire community with a modern facility, handicapped accessible, equipped to meet current and future informational and, cultural and recreational needs and was renovated with a grand opening on October 18th, 2008.

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Danielle Zubiller, Head of Circulation, Brentwood Public Library

Need for Media Security

The library purchased the LAT-Stena in the fall of 2010 after losing over \$8,000 worth of media since beginning of our collection. With the increase in both our circulation and media collection. theft became a major issue in our library, as each item costs over \$60 to replace. Rather than just keeping all of our media behind the circulation desk and adding tedious steps to our check-out process, we sought out an economical alternative to this problem and found that the LAT-Stena was the answer to all of our concerns. We decided to purchase 1,000 disk capacity Stena after evaluating our needs, and since its implementation, our theft problem of games has been reduced down to zero. There is simply no better solution to alleviate theft.

Ease of Use

The LAT-Stena was clearly designed with circulation staff in mind. It works with all major ILS systems and streamlines the circu-

lation of our games, while providing us with the peace of mind of 100% security and accuracy.

Our circulation staff is now able to service three to four patrons at a single time. All we have to do is to scan the Barcode and the discs will start popping out automatically. We just take them from the LAT-Stena and give to our patrons. It's that easy!

In the beginning of our implementing the LAT-Stena, there were a few minor issues in training our staff and an increase in traffic, but all of our problems were quickly and efficiently solved by the LAT staff.

Critical Features

LAT-Stena works with independent of an ILS system, uses our existing scanners and computers there are no any additional expenses involved to integrate the system into our environment. Simply press a button and your disc is retrieved in under four seconds. The LAT-Stena pods are easily maintained, easy to move and all we needed to provide was a cart. An added benefit of using the LAT-Stena, is that as our collection grows, the LAT-Stena can grow with it by simply adding additional pods.

Now

During the search process, our representative Stephen Hanulec kept repeating 'Flexibility, Innoand Collaboravation. tion.' After seeing the LAT-Stena in action, it became evident that these words were more than just a sales pitch, but rather something LAT implements in all of their products. I would highly recommend the LAT-Stena to any library.

> Based on an interview with Danielle Zubiller, December 19, 2010

