

A "Pioneer" in 24-Hour Library Service

As libraries struggle to deliver services with limited hours and funding, Pioneer Library System (PLS) is able to meet the needs of two previously underserved areas around the clock. Charting new territory, Pioneer opened the first 24-Hour Library™ in the United States. Shortly after launch, Pioneer opened a second 24-Hour Library across town. The two 24-Hour Library locations are strategically placed in busy and diverse sections of the city of Norman, Oklahoma. The first 24-Hour Library is installed in front of a recreation center and junior high school and within walking distance of several apartment buildings. The second 24-Hour Library is located near the Pioneer Library System administrative building, right in the heart of a busy restaurant and shopping district.

In addition to offering print materials, PLS integrated the OverDrive Media Station with the 24-Hour Library machines. This enables patrons to browse and borrow digital materials, including audiobooks and ebooks. "Without the overhead and expense of adding new buildings, the 24-Hour Library is enabling us to bring more library services further into the community with unlimited hours," said Lisa Wells, Assistant Director for Library Services.



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