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Northland Public Library First in Western PA to Provide Remote Lending Kiosks



Northland Public Library, located about ten miles from Downtown Pittsburgh, will become the first Western Pennsylvania Library to offer Remote Lending Kiosks to residents in Bradford Woods, Franklin Park, Marshall, McCandless, and Ross Townships. The two Kiosks, located at the Baierl YMCA (2565 Nicholson Rd, Sewickley, 15143) and the Ross Township Community Center (1000 Ross Municipal Drive, Pittsburgh, 15237) will provide patrons with access to Library materials without having to step foot in the Library. The Kiosks, named NOMAD for short, contain both children's and adult books, CDs, and DVDs that can be checked out using any library card from Allegheny County. Patrons are also able to return Library items to conveniently located Return Drops at each location.

NOMAD (which stands for Northland Offsite Modern Alternative Dispenser) is the first of its kind in Western Pennsylvania. Northland Library's five communities cover nearly 60 square miles of northern Allegheny County; Library staff and Board Members viewed NOMAD as an innovative way for the Library to provide more services to its vast geographic area. The lending guidelines regarding fines and borrowing periods are the same at NOMAD as they are at Northland's facility, located on Cumberland Road in McCandless.

NOMAD is currently operational in both locations, but grand opening celebrations are planned for March 3rd at 1:30 PM (Ross Township Community Center) and March 7th at 6:30 PM (Baierl YMCA). Among the invited attendees are representatives from the five municipalities Northland serves, as well State and Congressional representatives. Both the Grand Opening celebrations and the NOMAD kiosks were made possible through a grant from the Northland Public Library Foundation, whose sole mission is to build financial support through community fundraising to enhance the programs and growth of Northland Public Library. The grand opening events are open to the general public and members of the press are welcome to attend. More information about NOMAD, Northland Library, and the Northland Public Library Foundation is available at www.northlandlibrary.org.

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