a solution you can trust to provide library access when it suits your users

open+ is a comprehensive system that allows libraries to provide more flexible hours, making them more accessible to the community. Designed to complement staffed library hours, open+ can be implemented in a number of different ways to meet various library service models. From extending access to an entire library or only a section of it, providing full self-service resources or mainly a holds pick-up area, open+ allows libraries the flexibility to extend access in the way that best meets the needs of their community and space. There is no one size fits all approach with this technology.

evolve your service to deliver more convenience

Adding more open hours in the mornings or evenings can create a consistent and convenient schedule for your community and meet the needs of different users. Currently averaging 52.8 open hours per week, US public libraries have a way to go before they approach 2008’s high mark of nearly 60 hours, according to Library Journal. open+ allows libraries to easily increase their hours to provide the most convenient access to their community without a large need for increased staffing costs.

98 hours
Gwinnett County Public Library

61.5 hours
Hennepin County Library

60 hours
Hamilton Public Library

52.8 hours
average weekly open hours for US Libraries

Older patrons wanting quiet time in the morning to read newspapers
Students seeking a quiet space for studying in the evening
Shift workers and commuters that can’t make traditional open hours
Parents with young children looking for welcoming and enjoyable space

provide more access to valuable resources

Libraries receive a better ROI when the usage of their resources increases. The library building, physical collections, public access computers, wireless internet and research databases are all examples of resources that the library pays for, no matter how many hours they are open. By increasing the exposure of these resources, users benefit from additional access to information and enjoyment of the library space for personal growth and lifelong learning.

transforming libraries to be more open

open+ allows libraries to think differently about the level of access they can provide to the community in their future building projects. Not everyone who uses the library needs the same level of staff assistance. With open+, libraries can design spaces that continue to focus on the best use and continuous access of resources that help their communities thrive.

Hennepin County Library

Utilizing open+ to offer a unique service to Ridgefield patrons during renovation

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experience that ensures your success

bibliotheca is the first library technology provider in North America to bring a truly integrated library-focused solution that allows for extended access to library spaces and resources. open+ complements staffed library hours, creating a more convenient and accessible community hub.

Leveraging our experience over the past ten years across Europe with more than 750 library installations, bibliotheca is the most trusted library solutions provider to ensure communities and staff benefit from expanded library access. We focus on seamless ILS integration and future-proofed solutions that can enhance library operations and grow with your service model.

Hamilton Public Library
First library in Canada to increase access for rural communities with open+ and remote assistance.

Increased access,
Increased Engagement

100% Increase in Frielton usage compared to overall system

300% Increase in program attendance year-over-year