Do You Speak Library?

Some of our favorite specialized vocabulary words and the scenarios that go with them!

Adobe - Our Mac computers are loaded with Adobe Creative Suite software. Ask at the reference desk when the login box pops up!

Copy/Print/Scan - This might surprise you, but we often ask clarifying questions when you say “copy.” There are big photocopiers at Central for making paper copies of paper-based originals. Printing digital files is a 2- or 3-step (if you need to add money) process using our computers or your own device. We also have scanners for making digital copies of paper-based originals.

Kiosk - Those white machines that let you check-out books, add money to your account, and get a free guest pass to use a computer.

PIN - Four-digit number you need to do most things with your library card. The library’s default is your birthday month and day (MMDD format), no year!

Reload - The word we use to add money to your library account (see kiosk, above).*

*Bonus tip: Don’t press the “Pay All” button on the Reload page. It tops off your account at the $100 limit.

The View from the Desk

From where we sit at the Info Commons Reference Desk, we have a clear view of the front doors, and visitors have a clear view of us! We are often the first place people come to with questions. Here are some common “Where is the...”