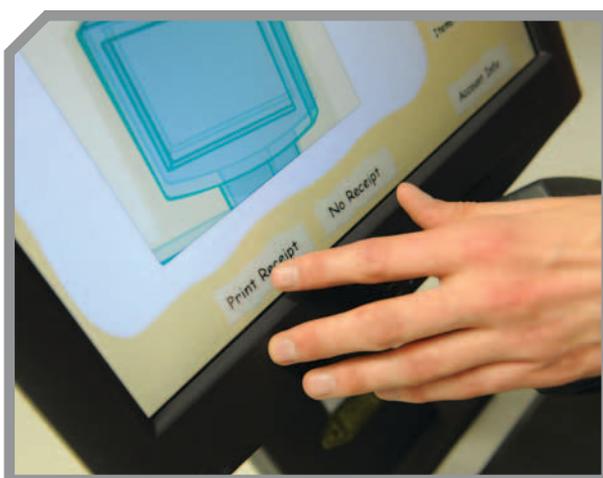
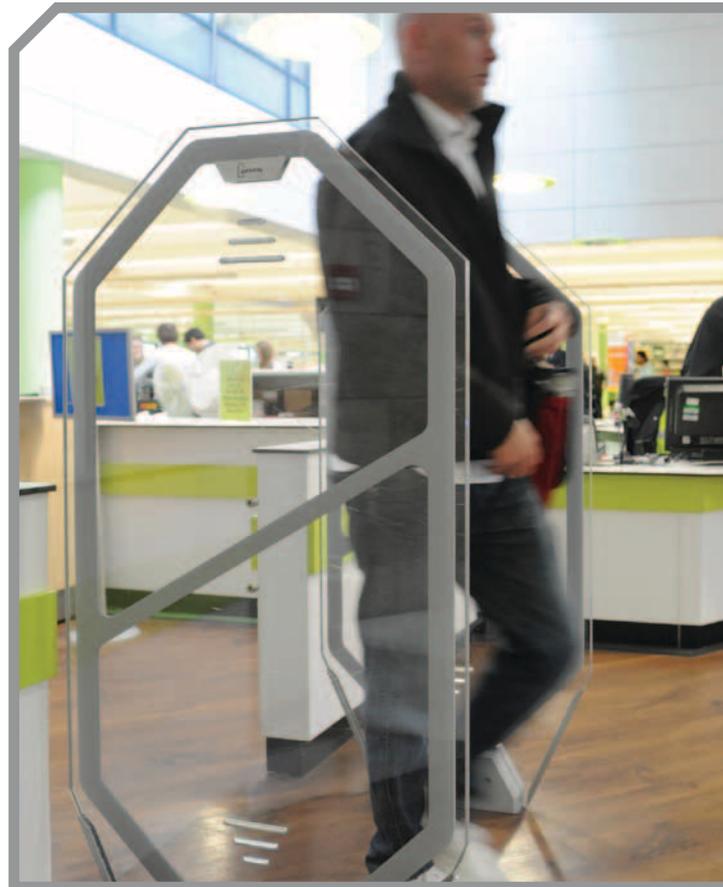


## The University of Derby stays loyal to EM Security

Library security is evolving and 3M, provides systems that accommodate each customer's specific requirements, whether it is upgrading to new technology or continuing with existing technology. The University of Derby has been using EM security from 3M for more than 30 years. Despite recently implementing a range of RFID systems from 3M, including self-service and stock management, the University took the big decision not to replace its EM security with RFID security.

Kay Jeffries, Library Operations Manager at The University of Derby, explains why this decision was taken: "When the University decided to introduce a range of RFID systems into its three libraries we considered very carefully whether we wanted to replace the EM security systems with RFID security. However, after liaising closely with the library staff at the University and at other universities we decided that as the EM system continues to offer a high level of security, it was unnecessary to change to RFID. In particular, we believe that the tattle-tapes that work with the EM security are easily hidden within the books and are therefore harder to remove than the RFID tags.

"With 300,000 items in our larger library and 30,000 items each in our two smaller libraries, it is vital that we have full confidence in our security systems. We have an hour at the end of each day, after library staff have left, in which students can return and issue books on the self-service machines. We would not be able to offer this service if we did not feel that the security system installed would alert the security staff to any items that have not been issued.



"We are very pleased with how effectively the RFID self-service and stock management systems work with the EM security. The feedback from library staff and students has been very positive and in particular the waiting time to issue and return items has significantly decreased. We have really enjoyed working with 3M; the team is always very responsive in providing systems that are tailored to our specific needs, as well as offering advice on how to improve the services that we offer."



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