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OC Public Libraries Introduces Automatic Renewals of Library Materials

Santa Ana, Calif. (July 23, 2019) – OC Public Libraries is introducing a new feature that makes manually renewing library materials a thing of the past. As of July 17, 2019, all eligible items checked out from a library branch, including print books, magazines, CDs, DVDs and Blu-rays, will be automatically renewed on the day they are due for a maximum of up to five times.

“Automatic renewal is the next step to making it easier for patrons to keep library items they enjoy,” said Chairwoman Lisa Bartlett, Fifth District Supervisor.

Patrons no longer need to access their account or call the library when wanting to renew a borrowed item, with some exceptions. Materials not eligible for automatic renewal are those with holds, those already renewed five times, those checked out to Homebound patrons, Interlibrary Loan items and Lucky Day books.

OC Public Libraries is aiming to make life easier for their patrons by automatically renewing items and helping avoid late fees. Automatic renewal should significantly cut down on overdue fines when patrons inadvertently forget or are unable to renew items themselves, resulting in saving patrons’ time and giving them peace of mind.

This new service does not require sign-up and is active at all 33 library branches.

For more information, visit OC Public Libraries’ website at www.ocpl.org.