Case Study

Computer and Monitor Security

Luton Library

TOP-TEC

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Providing security for public computers and monitors for existing furniture

The brief

"We needed to secure our catalogue information points, new desktop computers and monitors, but utilise our existing furniture."
Lucy Cross - Principal Librarian

A light and airy 1960's design, Luton Library reopened following a £1.8m refurbishment. In addition to an extended and revamped children's library, improvements included greater online resources, a new quiet PC study area and a Quick Use IT area, as well as additional tables for wheelchair users and workstations compliant with the Equality Act. To equip these areas for public use, TOP-TEC provided PC and monitor security across three floors of Luton's new light and expansive library space

Luton Centre City Library is a busy city centre site and the demand for access to computers is always high. Catalogue information points throughout the library, Quick Use IT facilities located next to the main doors and dedicated IT suites meant that security was a priority, whilst the sheer number of computers made the cost of providing this security a serious consideration.

With expensive computer equipment often unsupervised, the library required an IT security solution that was dependable, easy to operate and could integrate with their existing furniture to cut down on costs.

The solution

TOP-TEC worked with the library to provide an unobtrusive security solution for its public access computers, providing LPCB (Loss Prevention Certificate Board) approved desktop cages and 485-U universal flat screen monitor brackets. This gave Luton an attractive and cost effective solution, meeting the highest insurance requirements while enabling them to utilise their existing furniture.

During a free consultation, measurements were taken of room dimensions and existing computer equipment, allowing TOP-TEC to provide schematic room drawings of how the libraries newly equipped furniture could be installed to maximise space.

To meet Equality Act guidelines, monitor brackets were installed with height, tilt and focal length adjustments so that a range of users are able to use the same equipment. Completing the process, the libraries new security equipment was mounted to their furniture by TOP-TECs team of installation engineers.

The benefits

The result for Luton Library has been an attractive, simple and effective solution that fully satisfied the library's requirements and budget.

Whilst the main service desk is close by, most of the computers are not under staff supervision. Knowing that all the PC's and monitors are properly secured provides the library staff with the confidence to treat the supervision of IT areas in a similar way to its books.

Key features of computer and monitor security

- Simple and effective
- Can be used in conjunction with existing furniture
- Can be configured to support use by those with differing needs