Using ValuePorts, Copiers, and PAWPrints stations with Bear Bucks

The Brown Card-based vending infrastructure underwent major upgrades over the 2011-2012 winter break. PAWPrints release stations and copy machines have been upgraded to new "online" networked vending technology, and most old CVC machines have been replaced with new ValuePort stations. The new online card readers process payments in real-time from your **Bear Bucks** account (formerly known as Declining Balance). No more use of the vending (thin) stripe on your ID card to pay for printing or copies.

Pay with Bear Bucks at:
- Copy machines
- Rockefeller Library (late fees)
- Brown Bookstore
- PAWPrints release stations
- Dining Services
- Computer Store
- Campus Shop
- College Hill Cafe

Pay with your vending (thin) stripe at:
- Residential laundry facilities
- Some beverage vending machines

ValuePort vs. CVC: What's the difference?

- ValuePort stations are new machines for use *exclusively with Bear Bucks*. At a ValuePort, you can check your Bear Bucks balance and add money to your Bear Bucks account by depositing cash into the machine. Guests can purchase a Bear Bucks Guest card from a ValuePort machine. Remember that Bear Bucks is an online account, so money deposited at a ValuePort does not go onto your ID card's thin stripe, but rather into your online Bear Bucks account which can be used by swiping at any of the purchase locations listed above.

- CVC machines are used to transfer money onto your ID card's vending (thin) stripe. This can be done at the machine by inserting your card and making either a cash deposit or a transfer from your Bear Bucks account. You can only use your vending stripe at the limited locations listed above, so don't load it with too much money.

Where are ValuePorts and CVCs located?

ValuePorts:
- Rockefeller Library
- Robert Campus Center
- Brown Office Building
- Emery Hall
- Sciences Library (Friedman)
- CIT
- VGQ-A (Josiah's)
- 222 Richmond St. (Med School)

CVCs:
- Emery Hall
- Sciences Library (main level)
- Grad Tower E (Bear's Lair)