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RE: Polk Co. Library Cooperative's BMail Service and Slower US Postal Service Delivery

The United States Postal Service announced new service standards which may lead to longer transit times. The delays in mail service begins October 1, 2021. This is the first step in a 10-year plan to cut costs and save money.

The initial phase, announced by Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, could result in delays of delivery of long-distance, first class mail and packages.

The Polk County Library Cooperative's BMail, materials by mail, service will monitor deliveries to judge the impact of the new service standards on this program.

The information from the Postmaster General specifies first class mail. BMail ships 4th Class/Library Rate.

The Polk County Library Cooperative's BMail staff will continue to send materials out each day, five days a week, as they arrive in their office. All books, movies and audiobooks are processed, daily, for shipment.

The Polk County Library Cooperative's coordinator, Gladys Roberts, stated, "We hope that our wonderful BMail service will not be impacted by the new service standards. Delays will be assessed. We appreciate the understanding of our BMail patrons. We value you, and appreciate your patronage of this unique program."

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