

Fine Free @ The Library



What Does This Mean?

Effective June 1, we will no longer charge late fines for overdue items. We believe that eliminating fines will improve library access and encourage everyone to enjoy library resources without the worry of accruing penalties.

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June 1, 2025

Why Are We Doing This?

Our goal has always been to provide free and equal access to information, education, and cultural resources.

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Why this is good for the community:

- Promotes Literacy & Enhances Accessibility to publicly-funded sources: Thanks to our supportive community, the dedicated library millage allows us to provide open & engaging library services without restrictive fees so that all residents will feel welcome.
- Builds a Stronger Community: Expands reach and support to more of our residents.

What going fine-free will look like for library users:

- Loan Periods: Stay the same; items auto-renew once if no holds exist with subsequent renewals to be managed by the borrower.
- Limitations: Items 5 weeks overdue are marked lost; replacement fees will be charged.
- Borrowing Privileges: Suspended if the account balance exceeds \$30.
- Eliminating fines does not eliminate personal responsibility: Please continue to respect due dates and return items promptly.

Crunching the numbers:

- Fiscally Responsible: Processing fines costs more than the revenue they generate.
- Not Sustainable: Due to growing digital use and automation, overdue fines make up less than 0.2% of our total income.