What is “Read Away Your Fines”?  
“Read Your Fines Away” is an ongoing program that allows fines on children’s library cards to be reduced by $0.50 for every 30 minutes of time spent reading. This program is not for fines on adult cards.

What do I need to do to get started?  
A children’s library card (ages 18 and under) and an overdue fine or fines of at least $0.50 on the account. Use the reverse side of this bookmark to track your time and record it as you read.

How much can I earn towards paying down my fines?  
For every 30 minutes you read, your overdue fines will be reduced by $0.50.

Is there a minimum amount that can be excused?  
The minimum amount to be waived on a visit to the library is $0.50. A half-hour is the smallest amount of time you can turn in. If you have total fines less than $0.50, they can carry to your next visit.

No credit balances will be issued. If you owe $0.35 and earn $0.50 worth of fine removal, we will waive the fines you have but there will be no credit for the remaining $0.15.

Is there a maximum amount that can be excused?  
Yes. The individual limit is $20/per child/per year. Any fines exceeding that limit are expected to be paid. This will not count towards lost, missing, or damaged fees.

How can I check out books to read if my fine is over $2.00?  
You won’t be able to check any out but you can read in the library or read books/magazines you have at home until your fine is under $2.00.

Can I read down fines for a friend?  
No. “Read Away Your Fines” is valid only for the card holder. Tell your friend they should read more — they might enjoy it.