

**BEFORE THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Establishing Multnomah County Library fines and charges.

The Multnomah County Library District Board Finds:

- A. Multnomah County Library is a careful steward of public assets and resources for the nearly two million books and other items available for public use in the library's collection.
- B. The library assesses fees equal to the cost of replacement for materials that are not returned by patrons.
- C. The library provides vital support for early learning and literacy with innovative programs, outreach services, support for educators and high quality books and other materials of interest to young readers.
- D. Overdue fines can create barriers to using the library for children and families, reducing access to learning opportunities during periods of critical learning and development.
- E. Communities of color, immigrants, children, single-parent households and people with disabilities are disproportionately impacted by poverty. Twenty-five percent of youth in Multnomah County live in poverty. Children and teens living in poverty have fewer options for managing library accounts.
- F. Public libraries across the United States and elsewhere are moving to eliminate fines for youth and youth materials as a best practice to serve communities in an equitable manner.

The Multnomah County Library District Board Resolves:

- 1. Multnomah County Library will no longer charge overdue fines on any youth materials.
- 2. No overdue fines will be charged on materials checked out on cards belonging to patrons ages 0-17.
- 3. Youth accounts will no longer be sent to a collection agency.
- 4. On June 15, 2016: all fines on youth accounts will be forgiven; all fines for youth materials will be forgiven; and all youth accounts will be removed from collections.

5. The library will continue the existing practice of assessing fines and fees for late or unreturned material for adult accounts.
6. Adult accounts will continue to be assessed a late fine of 25 cents per day, with a \$10 limit per item per renewal period.
7. Items that are not returned to the library will be billed to the patron's account.
8. Items that are not returned in good condition may incur charges to a patron's account.
9. Unpaid balances on adult accounts may limit access to checking out library materials and resources and could result in collections efforts to recover costs of replacing unreturned material.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 20__.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT

Deborah Kafoury, Chair

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