



FINE FREE

A 2020 Pilot Program

WHO: All patrons who utilize branches of the Beauregard Parish Library

WHAT: A pilot program with a temporary policy eliminating overdue fines on most* library items belonging to Beauregard Parish Library. However, if an item is not returned within 2 weeks of the due date or extended due date, the full replacement cost of the item(s) will be assessed to the patron's record. If the item(s) is returned in good condition before the library has repurchased or replaced the item, the Administrative Librarian may expunge the charge.

*All interlibrary loan items still accrue overdue fines. All equipment (laptops, hotspots, Launchpad tablets) still accrue overdue fines.

WHY: Remove obstacles to checkout; provide a better patron experience.

Other libraries that have used this model report increased circulation and improved staff / patron experiences. They have not reported significant increases in number of materials lost (i.e. checked out and never returned).

WHEN: This pilot program will take place January 1 - December 31, 2020. The Library Board of Control will review the outcome of the pilot program to determine whether the fine free policy becomes our policy of record in 2021.



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