



I am very excited to announce that Loudonville Public Library is going Fine Free! This means that library materials checked out at Loudonville Public Library will not be charged late fines. Please see the following FAQs for commonly asked questions regarding this change. - Melissa Mallinak, Director

LPL Fine Free FAQs

Does this apply to all physical items checked out at Loudonville Public Library?

Yes! All items checked out at the Loudonville Public Library are fine free, unless specified otherwise by the owning library.

What about current fines on my library card?

Our goal is to eliminate Loudonville Public Library overdue late fees on all current active library cards. We would like all our patrons to have the ability to start fresh. Fines may still apply for items checked out at other SEO (Serving Every Ohioan) Consortium Libraries.

How will the library make money without fines?

Currently less than one tenth of a percent of Loudonville Public Library's annual revenue is generated by paid fines. This amount was already greatly reduced in 2018 with the implementation of automatic renewals. Going fine-free will not affect any of the programs or services the library provides to its patrons.

If there are no fines, how will the library ensure that library materials are returned?

Fines for missing pieces, damaged, or unreturned items will still be charged. Library cards will be charged for the full price of the item if not returned within 45 days of the due date. In these instances, a patron's borrowing privileges will be suspended until their account balance is under the fine threshold of \$20.

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