

Shaker Library has
turned the page on
fines . . .



We are now
**FINE
FREE**

*Fees for lost or damaged
items still apply.*

Why is Shaker Library fine free?

It's good for our community. Our community is better when everyone has access to the resources they need and want. Fines can prevent people from being able to borrow items from the library. We want the library to be a welcoming place for everyone and for all members of the community to be able to take advantage of all we have to offer.

Overdue fines are not effective. Many other libraries in the area and across the country no longer charge overdue fines and have experienced positive results, including increased returns of long-overdue items.

It's fiscally responsible. Overdue fines are not a significant source of income for the library and becoming fine free eliminates administrative costs associated with managing fines. In 2018, Shaker Library became a Passport Acceptance Facility and receives a revenue stream that more than offsets the amount lost from discontinuing overdue fines.

Questions and Answers

What if I owed fines on my account before October 1, 2019?

All existing overdue fines on items owned by Shaker Library were cleared from CLEVNET accounts on September 30, 2019. If you have overdue fines for items owned by other libraries, those will remain on your account.

Fees for lost or damaged items or collection referral will remain on the account.

What fees will I be responsible for after October 1, 2019?

You are responsible for the cost of lost or damaged items, along with a \$10 fee if your account is referred to a collection agency.

Items borrowed from other libraries may still be subject to overdue fines according to the owning library's policy.

What blocks borrowing privileges on my Shaker Library card account?

If your library card has an account balance of \$10 or more, or if you have 10 or more overdue items on your card, you will not be able to borrow or renew physical items.

What if an item is never returned?

Items more than 21 days overdue will be considered lost, and the replacement cost will be charged to your account. When you return the item or pay the replacement cost, the charge will be removed from your account.

If your account has a balance of \$25 or more that is 42 days past due, your account will be referred to a collection agency and a \$10 nonrefundable service fee will be added to your account.

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