



Facts About Proposed Fine-Free Policy

WCCLS and its member library directors recommend that the Executive Board approve the elimination of overdue fines for library materials, and the waiver of past overdue fines.

Advances Equity

Communities of color and those with low incomes are disproportionately impacted by overdue fines. Eliminating fines is an evidence-based way to reduce barriers to library access. Read the Urban Libraries Council study: bit.ly/2BwEols

Upholds Timely Materials Return

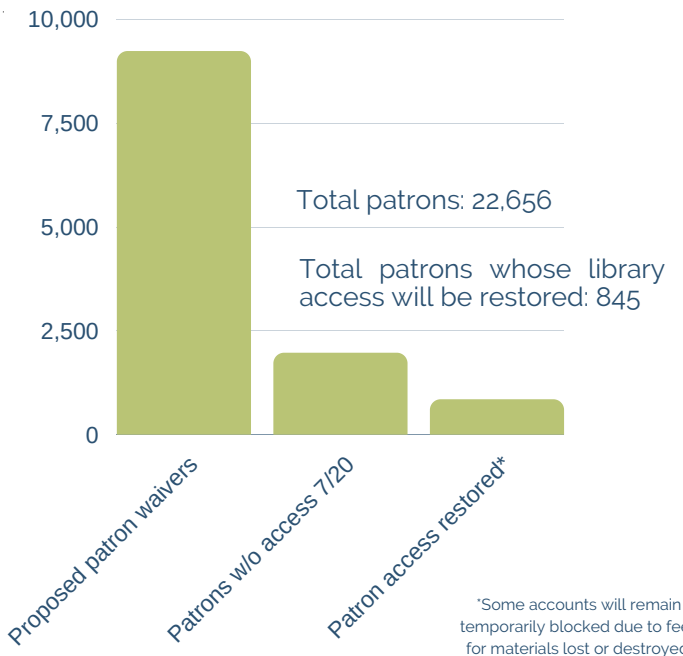
- Chicago Public Library: 240 percent increase in returns after elimination
- Salt Lake City Public Library: drop in late returns (nine percent to four percent) after elimination

Affirms Patron Responsibility

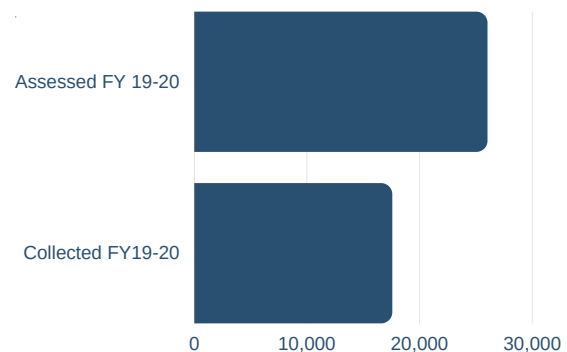
High Plains Library District (Colorado): 95 percent of materials returned within a week of due date

"Overdue fines do not turn irresponsible patrons into responsible ones, they [just] distinguish between patrons who can afford to pay ... and those who cannot." (San Francisco Public Library white paper)

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NOTE: Total of uncollected fines to be waived: \$119,796.12