

# WCCLS Fine-Free Proposal

**Tualatin City Council**  
**August 24, 2020**



# Fine-Free Proposal

- Why do we charge fines & fees?
  - We do not use fines & fees to punish library users
  - Fines exist to encourage return or replacement of materials
- Benefits of going fine-free
  - Removes barrier & supports equity goals
  - Increases access to library materials
  - Increases staff efficiency
  - Improves relationships with patrons



# Fine-Free Proposal



CITY OF  
**TUALATIN** OREGON



**Washington County**  
Cooperative Library Services

# Fine-Free Proposal

- Impact for Tualatin
  - \$17,577 collected in fines last year (\$26,009 assessed)
  - \$119,796 to be waived from 9,233 patron accounts
  - 845 patrons would be free to use the library again
- Impact for WCCLS
  - \$1,481,921 to be waived from 111,487 patron accounts
  - 12,200 people would be free to use the library again



# Fine-Free Proposal

- Action to Date
  - July: WCCLS Library Directors recommended proposal
  - August 4: TLAC voted to support proposal
- Next Steps
  - September 23: WCCLS Executive Board to vote on proposal
  - Fall (date to be determined): Washington County Board of Commissioners to vote on proposal

