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B.8.10 Library Services to the Poor (Old Number 61)

...Therefore it is crucial that libraries recognize their role in enabling poor people to participate fully in a democratic society, by utilizing a wide variety of available resources and strategies...

B.8.10.1 Policy Objectives (Old Number 61.1)

The American Library Association shall implement these objectives by:

Promoting the removal of all barriers to library and information services, particularly fees and overdue charges. (*2)

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We find the rise of capitalism and the "efficiency movement" during the Progressive Era (1890-1920) let to a replicating of libraries in the image and model of corporations...

Gregory, Lue & Higgins, Shana, (2018)

'In Resistance to a Capitalist Past: Emerging Practices of Critical Librarianship'



United States

Cleveland

"The decision to go fine free starting July 27th [2019] is all about access. Cleveland Public Library wants to remove barriers and connect people to knowledge and ideas, not stand in their way," (*3)

Tana K. Peckham, Chief Marketing & Communications Officer for the CPL



Jackson County

"Removing fees, increasing the types of cards we offer, and simplifying the application process for a new library card sends a clear message that we want it to be easy and enjoyable to use the library. We put patrons first." (*4)

Kari May, Library Director

United Kingdom

Trafford

"Trafford will become the first public library authority in the country to adopt this policy which sends a welcome message to our residents in Trafford that they will have access to a completely free library service." (*5)

Trafford Council

Blackpool

"The fines were never in place as a money-making scheme, they were designed to encourage people to return their books on time. However, we know that this can have the opposite effect. At a time when every penny counts even a small fine could be a reason for someone not to return a book." (*6)



Australia

Tasmania

"We continue to say libraries should be welcoming and accessible to all but how can we fine people and feel that we're accessible and welcoming?" (*7)

Elizabeth Jack, Executive Director of Libraries Tasmania

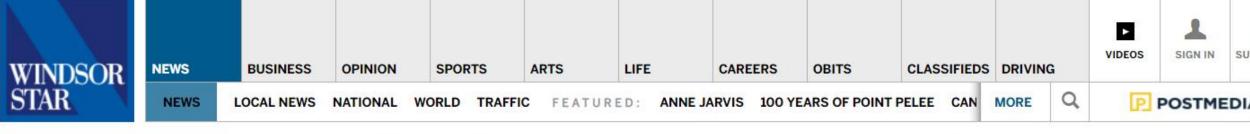


Sydney

"When you charge fines people feel they can't come into library or they get defensive around the fine. So from having a financial implication to not bringing the book back — 'you can't do anything and owes us a fine' — we're changing people's behavior so they're not being punished financially and it's just about bringing the book back." (*8)

Suzanne Buljan, Manager of Libraries and Learning





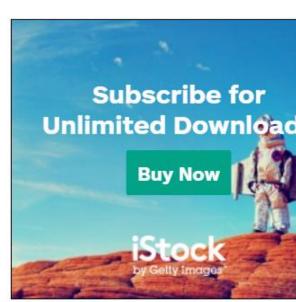


Windsor Public Library reinstates late fees

If you're late returning a library book after Nov. 15, be prepared to cough up some cash.

JULIE KOTSIS, WINDSOR STAR Updated: October 8, 2013





1. To remove overdue fines for a 12-month trial period from 1 January 2018

2. Implement a 'support to comply' program that encourages responsible library use, while upholding CCL's core value of Fairness.

Income	
	\$110,000,00
Income from fines per year	\$110,000.00
Estimated no. of transactions (based on monthly Nov 2016)	36,000
Income per transaction	\$3.06
Cost of Administration	
Estimated time to process transaction (minutes)	2
Estimated cost per transaction	\$1.39
No. of hours processing fines	1,200
FET processing fines	0.66
No. of weeks per year processing fines (based on 2 mins per fine)	30.33
Band 4D (annual salary)	\$75,930.40
Cost of fines (annual salary)	\$50,064.00
Cost of notifications (phone, print and SMS)	\$56,100.00
Cost of debt recovery	\$9,241.60
Total direct cost for recovery of overdue fines and lost items	\$115,405.60
Gross income on overdue fines	-\$5,405.60

Conclusion

There is direct social and economic benefit from the removal of overdue fines

CCL will save time and resources by removing overdue fines

CCL will redefine its relationship with the broader community and operate in closer alignment with its core values and the recently adopted 2017 – 21 Library Plan

Recommendation(s)

That the Board support the removal of overdue fines for a 12-month trial period

That the Board receive a written report detailing performance of the trial against agreed measures of success at the November 2018 Board Meeting.

Additional Outcomes...

- 1. Whilst the average length of loan increased slightly (a few days) the number of lost items dropped significantly (people were not afraid to return their items)
- 2. CCL saved significant staff time in the mornings, because the chute did not need backdating. This in turn meant that we were able to open their libraries earlier a significant win for the community.

Study: Library

Its not always perfect on paper...

August 2017 – March 2018 99.88% of loans returned

August 2018 – March 2019 99.65% of loans returned

Number of borrowers blacklisted

August 2017 – March 2018 311

August 2018 – March 2019 427

- As with CCL loan time went up slightly, but in this case loans still outstanding also went up slightly
- External factors will affect stats need a holistic approach
- Cessation of library fines will continue permanently

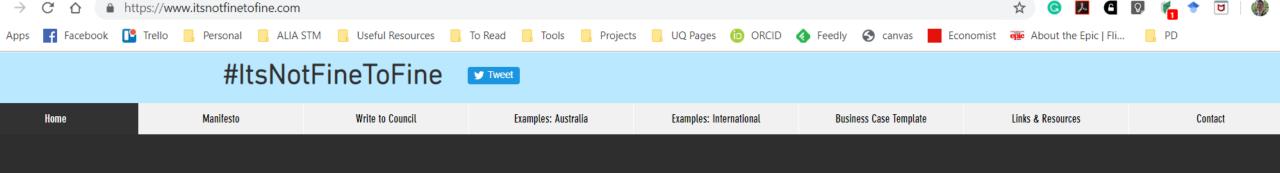


Become more informed

Write to council for support

Build a Advocate business





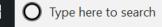


Eradicate library fines!

Follow this website and hashtag as I build my Australia wide grassroots campaign. The aims of this campaign are as follows:

> 1. Eradicate library fines 2. Advocate for the benefits of library fine reform

The evidence in support eradicating library fines is now so great that library services and councils should that currently charge library fines should take notice.



















































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