

Norton Public Library is officially Fine-Free!

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?



No more overdue fees

If you return an item late, you will no longer be charged an overdue fine for items checked out at our library.

By removing overdue fines, we are removing barriers to access our materials and services for library visitors, and increasing lifelong reading and learning opportunities for all.

What about old fines on accounts?

Old overdue fines have been forgiven so library users can have a fresh start. We look forward to having new and returning patrons at the library. We are committed to a library that is welcome and accessible to all.

Is this for All library loans? All borrowers?

Although most items are included, there are a few **exceptions: museum passes, equipment, Chrome Books and items borrowed from libraries outside our SAILS network.**

YES, all of our borrowers, not just seniors or children, will benefit from our fine-free policy.

Do our library materials have due dates anymore?

Yes, checkout periods on materials remain the same, but we are eliminating overdue fines. We ask that you continue to return your items on time out of consideration to other library users.

Won't this encourage people to keep things out forever?

Most items are actually returned in 1-2 weeks, even though patrons have been able to borrow books for 2-3 months with renewals. (Damaged items and long overdue items will be assumed lost and borrowers will be billed replacement costs.)

I consider my fines a donation. How can I continue to support the library?



We thank you for your support! There are many ways to support the library. You can join the Friends, help them with their fundraisers and/or make donations directly to the Friends. The Norton Public Library is a 501c3 and can also accept donations.

The best way to support the library is visiting us and using our resources!