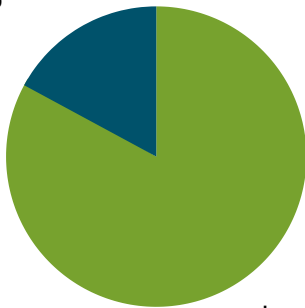


GOING FINE FREE: IMPROVING ACCESS TO YOUR LIBRARY

More than \$10
17.1%



Less than \$10
82.9%

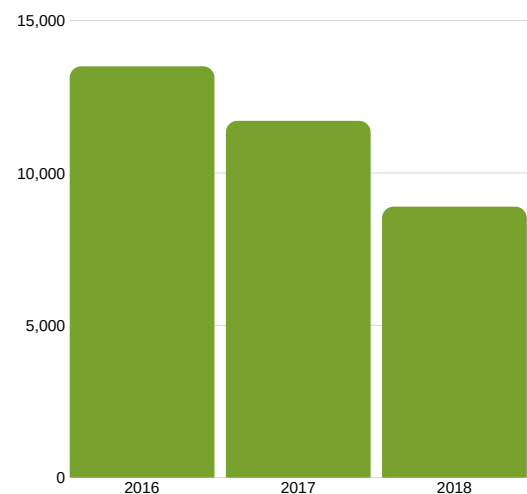
"YOU OWE TOO MUCH MONEY."

Any of the [# of library patrons who owe more than \$10] [Library name] patrons who owe more than \$10 would hear this if they tried to check out an item. Currently, [%] of [LIBRARY NAME] cardholders owe more than \$10 and cannot use library resources. Going fine-free would eliminate this barrier.

"WHAT ABOUT THE BUDGET?"

Over the past 3 years, funding from fines has been steadily decreasing from [\$] collected in 2016 to [\$] collected in 2018. As of [DATE], only [\$] has been collected in late fines for the year. At that pace, less than [\$] is projected to be collected in fines in 2019.

Fines Collected at [NAME] Library



"PEOPLE ARE JUST BEING LAZY."

There are approximately [#] people living below the poverty level in [TOWN NAME] - that's [%] of the population. These people may have to make the choice between paying their library fines or paying rent. By charging fines, we are creating a financial barrier to our services. Libraries are for everyone, no matter how much money they have.



"FINES TEACH RESPONSIBILITY."

People in housing units that do not have access to a vehicle may struggle to get to the library. Children cannot bring themselves to the library, and seniors may be limited by lack of mobility. These groups may not get to the library to return their materials on time for reasons beyond their control.



"NOW PEOPLE WILL NEVER RETURN THINGS."

Studies have shown that small fines do not have any impact on return rates. "The scant research on the value and impact of library fines and fees does not indicate a clear benefit of administering these policies, and they may be costly to enforce." - REMOVING BARRIERS TO ACCESS (COLORADO STATE LIBRARY WHITE PAPER)

IN FINE-FREE LIBRARIES, PEOPLE STILL RETURN ITEMS.

- Library users still need to return items, and will still receive reminders when a due date approaches and when it has passed.
- Most libraries that eliminate late fines will still block accounts of library users who do not return materials.
- Most libraries still collect fees for lost and damaged items.

LIBRARIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE ELIMINATING LATE FINES, WITH NO REPORTED NEGATIVE OUTCOMES.

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