

Overdue Fines Policy

Winthrop Public Library and Museum does not charge fines for overdue books. Fines will be charged for other overdue items such as audiobooks, DVDs, and CDs.

Items that are more than 21 days overdue are considered lost and a bill for the replacement cost of the item will be added to the patron's account. Returning the item will eliminate any bill attached to the item. Library-acceptable condition replacements also may be accepted.

Non-Winthrop owned items returned after the due date may have fines as set by the owning library.

All fines accumulated by patrons must be paid in full, unless there are extreme circumstances that warrant forgiveness. Patrons with fines in excess of \$10 will not be allowed to check additional materials out of the library, or use library computers, until they reduce their fines.

Approved by Board of Trustees:

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