



Report to: Stratford Public Library Board
Meeting Date: December 7, 2021
From: Julia Merritt, CEO
Subject: Exceptions to Fines-Free

Submitted for approval.

Background

The Library Board is responsible for authorizing all changes to any fees or charges levied to any library user.

As the PCIN Management Committee navigates the process of developing a county-wide fines-free system, it needs the approval of each member board regarding exceptions to the fines-free policy. The Management Committee believes that there are some special collections that do require fines to be retained as a disincentive to lateness. These items are either expensive (e.g. Wi-Fi hotspots) and/or time-sensitive and/or limited in availability (e.g. Park Passes).

Items that will be Fine free:

- Regular Books
- Magazines
- DVDs & VHS
- CNIB
- CNIB Players
- Book & CD kits
- Literacy materials
- Music CD
- Board Games
- Books on CD
- PLOW
- Play Aways

Borrowers who are Fine Free for ALL Items

- CELA
- CELA Homebound
- CELA Perth South
- Educators
- Home Delivery
- Library

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Exceptions

Pending approval, the following item categories would still be subject to fines.

Misc Devices

SPL Chromebook	\$.25/hr
SPL Wifi Hotspots	\$1
SPL Maker Kits	\$1
SPL MakerSpace Maker Kits	\$1

Park Passes

Stratford Guest Pass 2 days	\$2
Stratford Guest Pass 7 days	\$2

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SPL ILLO	\$1
SPL ILLO AV	\$1

Book Clubs

SPL Book Club	\$1
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Xpress Collections

SPL Xpress Books	\$2
SPL Xpress DVDs	\$2

Staff request that the Board approve the schedule of fees noted above and that this schedule be applied when appropriate during the fines-free transition process.