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East Baton Rouge Parish Library Goes Fine Free!

Beginning August 1, 2023, all locations of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library will no longer collect fines for overdue items. Children's materials and items checked out by senior citizens were already fine free, but by going totally fine free, EBRPL will reduce barriers for teens and adults that need the Library's resources whenever and wherever they are. In addition, amnesty is now available for patrons who have outstanding items. Whether the items are 5 days or 50 years overdue, bring them back and your current fines will be waived.

Deputy Library Director Kristen Edson explains, "We are joining many peer libraries across the country to further our commitment to providing access for all and being a place that inspires lifelong learning and personal economic advancement. Our new fine free policy supports the Library's Mission to 'provide access and connect people to information, resources, materials, technology, and experience to make a positive difference in their lives.'"

The Library will continue to set return dates for materials and send reminders for items not checked back in or renewed by those dates. Patrons will still be responsible for lost or damaged items.

For more information on our fine free policy, please call (225) 231-3740.

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The East Baton Rouge Parish Library is a community service organization that connects our citizens with information, resources, materials, technology and experiences in order to make a positive difference in their lives. The Main Library at Goodwood is joined by 13 branches open seven days a week (hours vary), and Library services are available 24 / 7 at www.ebrpl.com. Please follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and Pinterest.