

# FAQ about Euclid Public Library's New Fine-Free Policy

[Why is Euclid Public Library eliminating overdue fines \(Fine-Free\)?](#) Euclid Public Library is interested in eliminating overdue fines as a way to make the library more accessible to everyone in Euclid. As long as patrons return library items, we no longer see a need to charge overdue fines.

[What does Fine-Free mean and when will this take effect?](#) This change will begin on September 1, 2022, and pertains ONLY to items that belong to Euclid Public Library. This means patrons will not have to pay an overdue fine for checked out Euclid Public Library items. However, any items checked out through CLEVNET via a hold that do NOT belong to Euclid Public Library are subject to the owning library's circulation rules. Please ask a staff person if you need help identifying items that may not be part of our fine-free program.

[Does this mean that ALL my fines will be cleared?](#) No. We can't waive fines for items that belong to other libraries. Charges for any damaged or lost items must also be paid.

[Does this mean ALL items are Fine-Free?](#) No. Fine-Free applies to the collection owned by Euclid Public Library.

[How will the library ensure that customers return borrowed items?](#) If an item is not returned within 21 days after the due date, the cost of the item(s) will be added to the patron's account.

[How will the library protect the community's investment?](#) When checked out items are damaged or lost, we will continue to add the cost to replace these item(s) to the patron's card. When a patron's fines and/or replacement costs exceeds the threshold limits, they are blocked from using the library.

[I thought you were fine free! Why do I see overdue fines on my account?](#) Overdue fines will continue to appear on your account, but will be removed when the item is returned.

[What if I am not finished with the items I have checked out?](#) Visit the library or our website, or give us a call to renew your item(s). Renewing item(s) by the due date will help you avoid issues with your card. It is very important for you to keep track of the due dates. Keep in mind, some items renew automatically, up to 20 times and some items can't be renewed.

If you have further questions, please call the library at 216-261-5300 ex 5189.