

# Fine Free FAQs

## Why has BPL removed youth and YA fines?

Monetary fines can create an economic barrier to the access of valuable library materials and services. BPL has removed them so these resources — particularly those important to youth literacy — can be accessible to all.

## What does this mean?

BPL will no longer charge fines for youth and YA items that are returned past their due date.

## What materials are included?

Late fines will not accrue on any BPL item that is cataloged as youth or young adult (otherwise known as teen), including board books, picture books, easy readers, chapter books, audio books, magazines, movies, and music.

## What materials are NOT included?

This new fine-free policy does NOT include adult items, interlibrary loans, or items checked out from another library. It also does not include fees for lost or damaged items; those will still be billed.

## Do the items have to be checked out on a youth card to be fine free?

All youth and YA items are fine free, regardless of who checks them out. The policy applies to the type of item and not the kind of card.

## What about my existing fines?

We also are waiving previous fines for youth and teens! If you are still seeing fines on your account, talk to a member of our staff.

## When are items due back?

All items still have a due date, and we still want them back, but now there is more leniency as to when they come back.

## Why did I receive a bill?

If we haven't received the item back several weeks past its due date, we will assume the item is lost and send a bill for replacement. If you still have the item, bring it back, and your account will be moved back into good standing. No questions asked!

SAY *Goodbye* TO  
YOUTH AND YA  
**OVERDUE FINES!**

*Starting April 5, 2021!*

**Beloit Public Library is now  
FINE FREE on all youth  
and young adult items.**

- No more late fines on any item cataloged as youth or young adult, regardless of the kind of card used to check out
- Forgiveness for previous fines on youth and young adult materials\*
- Lost and damaged items will still be billed

*Questions?*

Ask any staff member.



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