

ASHLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

FINE-FREE POLICY

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1. Policy Statement

The Ashley Public Library District is a **fine-free library**. The Library does not charge overdue fines for materials returned after their due date.

2. Due Dates and Renewals

Materials are still assigned due dates and are expected to be returned or renewed on time to ensure fair access for all patrons.

Renewals are available according to circulation rules and may be limited if items are requested by another patron.

3. Lost or Damaged Materials

Patrons are responsible for all items checked out on their account.

If materials are lost or damaged beyond normal wear and tear, the Library may charge the **replacement cost**. Replacement copies may be accepted at the discretion of library staff.

4. Borrowing Privileges

Borrowing privileges may be temporarily restricted for unresolved lost or damaged items.

Overdue materials alone will not result in suspension of borrowing privileges. However, items significantly overdue may be considered lost, and borrowing privileges may be restricted until the account is resolved.

5. Patron Responsibility

While the Library does not charge overdue fines, patrons are still responsible for:

- Returning materials on time
- Keeping materials in good condition
- Reporting lost or damaged items
- Paying for lost or damaged items when applicable

6. Administration

The Library Director is responsible for implementing this policy and may establish procedures as needed.

This policy may be reviewed and amended by the Library Board of Trustees.