



## The library has gone FINE FREE for 2021!

We started this effort in January of 2020 by halting fines on youth materials, and we instituted a temporary fine free period due to the pandemic, but we have decided to push forward with our plans to go fine free permanently as of 1/1/2021.

Of course, this does not mean that materials can just be kept indefinitely! When your items are checked out, they will still have due dates - and we expect you to adhere to those dates so that other patrons can also enjoy our materials. If you keep items beyond their due dates, there will be a short grace period, but then the items will be marked LOST, your card will be blocked (no checkouts or online resources allowed), and you will be expected to pay for the lost items or return them in order to reactivate your card.

Also, there is one exception to our fine free rules - museum passes will continue to have fines. This is necessary because of the limited number of passes, large demand, and the nature of the reservation system. Passes must be returned on time to allow the next person to use the pass on their reserved date. We will be re-evaluating our museum pass service, and hope to reinstate lending the passes to those museums that are open - with new safety protocols, of course.

**If you still have materials checked out from the spring, summer, or fall, please return them in the book and CD/DVD boxes in our parking lot to avoid having them marked LOST.** If you have actually lost items, please contact us to find out how payment can be made. If you have any further questions, we're happy to answer them - call 732-583-9100 or email [info@matawanaberdeenlibrary.com](mailto:info@matawanaberdeenlibrary.com).