

Tipton County Public Library Fine-Free Circulation Policy

The Tipton County Public Library offers fine-free services for the benefit of our community. The following guidelines will apply for this service:

1. Beginning September 1st, 2021, the Library will no longer charge overdue fines for its materials. Overdue fines accrued before September 1st, 2021, will be waived.
2. Fees will still be charged for lost and damaged materials.
3. Beginning September 1st, 2021, library materials will automatically renew. The current Circulation Policy dictates the number of times materials can be renewed.
4. Hotspots and other library equipment will NOT auto renew.
5. Books and DVDs that are Hot Picks will NOT auto renew.
6. Library items that are on hold for another patron will NOT auto renew.
7. Patrons are still expected to return their library materials in a timely manner, and they will not be able to check out further library materials if they have any overdue items or fees on their card.
8. The Library will send an Overdue Notice to patrons when materials are 7 days overdue.
9. The Library will send a Final Notice to patrons when materials are 14 days overdue.
10. If the materials are not returned within 21 days of being overdue, the items will be marked as "Lost," and the patron's card will be charged the replacement cost of the materials.
11. The Library will send a Billing Notice to patrons when they have a balance of over \$25.00 on their card for unreturned or damaged items. Unpaid balances over \$25.00 are sent to debt collection if not paid within 10 days of notice.
12. Patrons may return a lost item or a replacement copy (with a manager's approval) within eight weeks after it becomes lost and receive a credit on their account if the lost fee was paid. Patrons cannot return items after they have been deleted from the library system.
13. PLEASE NOTE: Interlibrary Loan (ILL) materials will still accrue overdue fines and any applicable fees. This applies to patrons, library staff, and library Board members.