



**For Immediate Release**

### **EVPL Eliminates Overdue Fines**

*Evansville, IN, August 24, 2018* – Beginning September 1, 2018, Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library (EVPL) will no longer charge or collect fines on overdue materials. The EVPL Board of Trustees approved the new policy and will be updated on progress and changes.

Fines can create a barrier to service, specifically to youth and users who have financial hardships. In order to live out our new Mission and Vision statements, and to provide positive quality experiences, EVPL is eliminating fines to open access to all potential library users

Fines are different than fees. Fines are punitive charges for materials being overdue. Fees are for library services and products such as copying, printing, material replacement costs, etc.

This policy change will not affect due dates and we expect patrons will return items to the library in the same timeframe as they did before. If an item is not returned within 30 days after its due date, a replacement cost will be assessed.

Patrons of EVPL will still receive email reminders about returning materials prior to an item being due. After an item is overdue, reminder emails will be sent at approximately 2 days overdue and again 14 days after that.

Additionally, materials borrowed through Interlibrary Loan may be subject to late fines from the lending library.

More information about the new policy can be found [online](#). EVPL is very excited to enact this policy and we are happy to make this shift.

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