

OVERDUE AND LOST LIBRARY MATERIALS POLICY NO. 6

The Walla Walla Public Library strives to make its collection available to the greatest number of people by having as few restrictions as possible while protecting the community's library resources. Timely return of materials to the library ensures that materials are available for the use, enjoyment, and education of other individuals.

Starting in June 2021 the library will no longer charge overdue fines for all items returned after the due date.

Two notices will be sent as a reminder to return items. After an item has been overdue more than 30 days the full replacement cost of the item will be added to the customer's account and this will cause the customer's borrowing privileges to be blocked. Return of the library materials will cause the block and replacement charges to be removed from the account.

If items are lost or damaged, the customer may need to pay the full replacement cost for the item. The replacement cost for materials is based upon a uniform schedule of replacement costs for library materials as listed in the Walla Walla Municipal Code 2.96.030 B or the actual cost of the materials as entered into the material's record, whichever is greater.

If replacement cost obligations are not met, the library customer may be referred to a collection agency with prior notification to the library customer.

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