

PRIVILEGES AND ACCOUNT COLLECTION

As stewards of city property, the Library Board encourages account holders who have overdue, lost/damaged, or other unpaid items to return those items and pay the fine or to reimburse the Library. In accordance to the powers of the Library Board under section 51-211 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, the Library Board instructs the Library Director to suspend the account holder privileges of any person who has over \$10.00 in (a) unpaid fines for overdue library materials, (b) outstanding overdue library materials or (c) unpaid fees for lost or damaged library materials or other charges, according to the Schedule of Fines and Services Fees.

The Library Board of the Columbus Public Library recognizes its registration records are confidential in nature and are to be accessed as needed. It is further understood that in the process of registering a library patron, the data will be entered into the shared on-line Consortium database.

When an account holder turns 19, they may sign for their own card regardless of having accrued fines as a minor which are the responsibility of the signatory at that time, in accordance with the Library Card Policy. Refer to the Library Card policy for eligibility requirements.

Account holders in a bankruptcy situation will be handled on a case by case basis after providing the paperwork proving they went through bankruptcy and named the City/Library as a creditor in the bankruptcy action.

The Library Director may limit the number of checkouts for account holders at their discretion.

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This policy is a consolidation of the following policies, due to repetition and overlap in subject: "Denial of Library Card to Applicant with Fines or charges at Another Library in the One-Library Consortium;" "Overdues and Circulation;" and "Suspension of Borrowing Privileges." Revised 06/09/2011, 11/10/2011, 03/08/2012, revised and renamed 06/14/2012, revised 07/09/2015, 09/09/2021