

Fines and Charges  
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The library may charge fines or fees to encourage compliance with rules that promote fair and equal access to limited resources. The library may assess fees or pass through cost for use of resources outside this institution.

**Library Card**

- Initial card - no charge.
- Replacement card - \$2.00
- Out-of-state card - \$20.00 annually

**Overdue Material**

- Patrons are instructed on length of time material may be used.
- Materials returned in the book drop after closing are considered returned the next day the library is open.

**Notification**

- Telephone calls and notices are sent at regular intervals to cardholders with overdue library materials.
- The last notice is a bill for the retail price of the item.
- Long overdue accounts may be submitted to a collection agency and/or to a local law enforcement agency for further action. (See Code of Iowa, Chapter 714.5, Theft of Library Materials and Equipment).

**Lost or Damaged Materials**

The cardholder is responsible for

- Retail price of lost item.
  - Magazines - \$5.00.
- Repair cost of damaged item.
  - Repairable item - \$2.00
  - Discarded item – Retail price of item
- Materials checked out on lost or stolen card prior to notification of card's loss.
- The library will absorb the replacement cost of lost or damaged library materials if the items were lost or damaged due to a catastrophic disaster, the patron does not have insurance, and the items were not overdue.

**Suspension of Privileges**

- Library privileges will be suspended if a patron has
  - A fee of \$2.00 or more
  - Overdue material
  - Lost material