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WESTERN PLAINS LIBRARY SYSTEM
BORROWER DEBT POLICY

Incursion of Charges

WPLS only charges borrowers in a few circumstances; such as when:

- An item is returned in a damaged condition such that it prevents use by other borrowers or retention within WPLS holdings. (Judgment on condition of damage is at the sole discretion of WPLS staff.)
- A borrower fails to return an item sixty-days after the allotted due date. The library automation system moves the item to a long-lost status and charges the applicable replacement price.

For specific fine amounts consult the *WPLS Fine Schedule*.

Borrowers whose fine balance exceeds the minimum threshold may not borrow additional library materials until the total owed is brought under the minimum threshold.

Borrower Notification

WPLS sends overdue notices to borrowers when items are not returned by the due date.

When charges are assessed to an account, an additional notice is sent to the borrower.

Debt Collection Agency

WPLS contracts with a library collection agency service to resolve eligible outstanding accounts. Once an account crosses a threshold, the account is submitted to the collection agency and incurs an additional fee.

For specific account thresholds, consult the *WPLS Fees Schedule*.

Debt Release

Annually, in December, WPLS will forgive all account balances incurred greater than seven years prior.