

King Township Public Library is now **Fine-Free!**

Here's why:



Late fees typically account for a small and unsustainable source of library revenue. In 2019, KTPL's late fees represented only 0.3% of our annual operating budget.

Late fees can unintentionally become a source of shame or anxiety for patrons which can decrease Library use and the number of returned materials



Late fees disproportionately impact families with young children, newcomers, and low-income individuals and function as a barrier to access Library materials



The removal of late fees improves community-wide equitable access to Library materials and promotes lifelong literacy



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What you need to know:

- All fees currently attached to accounts will be removed by July 2022
 - Effective immediately, late fees will no longer be charged on any Library materials
 - Replacement fees remain in place for lost materials
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- Libraries across North America have reported an increase in circulation and the returning of overdue materials upon eliminating late fees
 - Eliminating late fees allows libraries like KTPL to refocus more time and resources to supporting our community and fostering positive relationships and experiences for everyone

