

## **Fine Free Library Policy**

Fine Free initiatives for modern libraries are encouraged by the American Library Association - "The American Library Association asserts that imposition of monetary library fines creates a barrier to the provision of library and information services; urges libraries to scrutinize their practices of imposing fines on library patrons and actively move towards eliminating them; and urges governing bodies of libraries to strengthen funding support for libraries so they are not dependent on monetary fines as a necessary source of revenue." (January 2019 – ALA Midwinter Meeting)

The Jasper County Public Library supports the Fine Free Initiative and as such no overdue fines will be charged; with one exception. Overdue fines will be charged for hotspots.

Additionally, patrons will be responsible for lost and/or damaged items and collection agency fees.

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