

Bangor Public Library

Kids Reading off Fine Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to bridge the gap between reading literacy and teaching young patrons (ages 15 years and under) responsibility for their fines.

Policy

For purpose of this policy, a youth patron is defined as 15 years of age and under.

A youth with a fine may read their fines away. For every half hour that a youth reads in the library and records their time on the reading log a \$1.00 will be forgiven from their fines.

Youth will read in the library in the presence of the library staff. Their hours will be signed off by a staff member on their log. All logs will be kept on file at the circulation desk till all fines are forgiven. Once all fines are forgiven the log will be placed in the Library Director's folder.

Youth can only read fines off their own card. Fines cannot be read off an adult card. If children's books are taken out on an adult card the fine for those books cannot be read off.

All fines must be read away within the year incurred occurred. For example: a fine occurring on May 1, 2025 has until May 1, 2026. After the one year mark, fines can no longer be read away.

Procedure

1. Notify patron of the fine they owe. (Patron is 15 years old or under) Fines can only be read off your own card, not an adult card.
2. First visit have patron fill out reading log (which will be kept on file at the circulation desk).
3. On recurring visits patron will request their log that is on file at the circulation desk.
4. Patron must read where staff can see them.
6. Once done reading the patron will give the reading log back to the staff.
7. Staff will forgive the amount that was recorded on the log for that reading section.
8. Every half hour of reading equals \$1.00 off the patron's fine.
9. Patron fills out log every time they read.
10. Once all fines are forgiven the log may be placed in the Library Director's folder.

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