

**CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Board Meeting**

June 18, 2019

**RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE AMNESTY FOR OVERDUE FINES**

- WHEREAS, If Cleveland Public Library is to actualize its mission as the center of learning for a diverse and inclusive community, the Library must commit to advancing social equity by designing a more just library system; and
- WHEREAS, The hallmark of a just library system is one that identifies barriers to access and strives to reduce them; and
- WHEREAS, This library system has long recognized that overdue fines hurt the community's most vulnerable populations and create barriers to learning which led the Board of Library Trustees to approve a resolution at their regular meeting on February 21, 2019, to "go fine free," effective July 27, 2019; and
- WHEREAS, In preparation for becoming a fine-free library system, the Executive Leadership Team recommends that the Library clear all overdue fines owed to CPL from the records of our patrons, leaving on their accounts only whatever fees they may owe to CPL (for lost materials, damaged materials, referrals to the Library's asset recovery provider, and other fees) and whatever amounts they may owe to other CLEVNET libraries; and
- WHEREAS, The Executive Leadership Team would like to revisit the subject of these outstanding fees with the Board at a later date, especially as they impact the ability of young people to access library materials and services; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That prior to the CPL150 Street Festival on July 27, 2019, Cleveland Public Library will clear overdue fines from the records of library patrons, subject to the terms and conditions of the administrative procedures developed for the project.