

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Special Board Meeting

August 18, 2017

RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE AMNESTY FOR FINES AND FEES TO YOUTH AGES SEVENTEEN AND UNDER DURING SEPTEMBER 2017

- WHEREAS, The public libraries in Cuyahoga County offered a county-wide amnesty program for youth in 2016 during National Library Card Signup Month in September; and
- WHEREAS, These same public libraries in Cuyahoga County, including our CLEVNET partners Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library, East Cleveland Public Library, Euclid Public Library, and Shaker Heights Public Library, have decided to join together once again to offer the amnesty program for the month of September 2017 to all youth ages seventeen and under, thereby ensuring that they have the greatest access to the resources and information provided by public libraries; and
- WHEREAS, To provide the maximum benefit to all youth across the County, it was decided that youth visiting one of the participating public libraries in Cuyahoga County will have all fines and fees forgiven, including any fines and fees for lost materials owned by CLEVNET partners, and that any fees related to obtaining a replacement card will be waived; and
- WHEREAS, In the interest of gaining a deeper understanding of family engagement, public libraries in Cuyahoga County will conduct a survey to measure the value that parents and caregivers place on their children having a library card and have agreed to incentivize participation; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That during September 2017 the Library will waive the \$1.00 replacement fee for a library card; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That during September 2017 the Library will offer a comprehensive amnesty program to youth ages seventeen and under and will forgive all fines for overdue items and charges for lost items owned by any CLEVNET library and will waive referral fees paid by Cleveland Public Library to Unique Management Services, Inc., as detailed in procedures to be distributed to staff; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That during September 2017 the Library will provide an incentive for parents and caregivers to participate in research that will benefit libraries throughout Cuyahoga County as detailed in procedures to be distributed to staff.