

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Special Board Meeting
August 23, 2012

RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE AMNESTY FOR FINES AND FEES TO YOUTH AGES SEVENTEEN AND UNDER FROM SEPTEMBER 24-29, 2012

- WHEREAS, Cleveland Public Library has a long tradition of designating September as Library Card Signup Month and focusing energy on visiting schools and ensuring children are familiar with the wealth of opportunities afforded by a library card in good standing; and
- WHEREAS, In its role as a community deficit fighter, the Library is a strong advocate for the youth of Cleveland by providing the broadest access to information in support Cleveland's children and educators; and
- WHEREAS, Since the Library last offered an amnesty program for youth in 2006, many youth have been unable to borrow library materials due to overdue fines and fees for lost materials; and
- WHEREAS, Offering children amnesty from time to time to reinstate borrowing privileges is in alignment with the mission and vision of the Library, particularly in consideration of a new state standard dictating that third-graders must be able to read at grade level to be promoted; and
- WHEREAS, A new library card designed to appeal to children will debut in September, creating an opportunity for youth to exchange an existing card or obtain a new card; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That during the month of September, the Library will waive the \$1.00 replacement fee for a library card; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That during the week of September 24-29, 2012, the Library will offer an amnesty program to youth ages seventeen and under and will forgive fines for overdue items, charges for lost items owned by Cleveland Public Library, and referral fees paid by Cleveland Public Library to Unique Management Services, Inc. as detailed in procedures to be distributed to staff.