



Report to: Library Board
From: Anne Landry
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Re: Going Fine Free

Synopsis of Report: As of July 2021 almost 700 Canadian municipalities have gone fine free.

Overview: In recent months, more and more public libraries are joining the fine free movement: Peterborough Public Library, Toronto Public Library, London Public Library, Guelph Public Library, Brantford Public Library, the list goes on. The number one goal is to make the library even more accessible. Many patrons simply stop using the public library when they have fines that they can no longer pay. Going fine free would not eliminate the need to pay for lost or damaged books. Below is the breakdown for revenue from fines from 2019, compared to the revenue from printing and photocopying.

	Fines	Photocopies
January	\$12.40	\$2.40
February	\$24.00	\$2.90
March	\$1.70	\$1.40
April	\$17.40	\$18.30
May	\$19.50	\$27.85
June	\$12.80	\$14.05
July	\$30.35	\$20.75
August	\$11.15	\$7.30
September	\$13.70	\$25.30
October	\$31.00	\$6.70
November	\$10.00	\$5.95
December	\$12.20	\$13.00
Total	\$196.20	\$145.90