

Fines and Fees Policy



**Mesa County
LIBRARIES**

Purpose

Mesa County Libraries charges the fines and fees listed below to encourage the prompt return of materials and to guarantee that lost or damaged items are replaced. The Library also charges for some special services. Library Administration will review the fees periodically and recommend changes as deemed appropriate.

Fee Card

Non-residents of Mesa County may pay a \$10 fee for three months of access, or pay \$25 for one year of access to library materials and services.

Fines

The fine rate on books, audio and video material, etc., is 10¢ per day with a five-day grace period. Overdue fines are charged beginning on the sixth day, and include the accumulated amount from the first day the material became overdue. A book overdue six days will have an accumulated fine of 60¢.

Collection	Daily	Maximum	Grace Period
General Collections	\$.10	\$5.00	5 days
Lucky Day	\$.10	\$5.00	none
Children's Books	\$.10	\$2.00	5 days
ILL items	\$1.00	\$20.00	none
In-library equipment	\$1.00 per hour	\$24.00	none
Equipment & specialty items	\$10.00	\$50.00	none

Materials borrowed from other libraries are subject to the rules and regulations of the loaning libraries, and any charges accrued from overdue, damaged, or lost materials will be charged to the patron.

Lost Items

Lost materials are charged at the actual price as entered into the database at the time the material was processed. When the price of the material is not available in the database, the following default charges will be in effect:

Item	Fee
Children's hardbacks	\$17.00
Children's readers, all small paperbacks and all magazines	\$5.00
Fiction, large print fiction and teen fiction, dvd's (per disc)	\$25.00

Non-fiction, large print non-fiction and teen non-fiction, video games	\$40.00
Reference, ILL and History Room items, DVD & foreign language kits	\$100.00
Graphic novels, children's kits	\$20.00
CD's (music and audio books)	\$12/disc
All other kits and playaways	\$50.00

- Replacement items will not be accepted. Patrons will be charged the amount shown in the item record, or the default price listed above.

Collections

In the event an adult patron owes \$35.00 or more to the Library for 75 days or more then the Library may utilize the services of a collection agency to recover lost materials or outstanding fees/charges. If a collection agency is utilized an additional fee of \$10.00 (ten dollars) shall be added to the account and shall be paid in addition to any other fees/charges for fines, lost/damaged materials, or other charges which have been made to a patron's account.

Youth

Patrons under the age of 18 who owe fines over \$10 may enroll in the Read-it-Off program. They will be limited to checkout one item at a time.

Other Charges

- Black and white printing/copying .15 per page
- Color printing/copying .25 per page

The Mesa County Public Library District's Board of Trustees amended this policy on August 25, 2016.

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