



2024 Fine Amnesty Program Policy

Fines accrued and assessed on all items owned by Lancaster Public Library between the dates of January 1, 2024, and March 31, 2024, will be waived without required payment at both Lancaster Public Library branches (Queen St. and Mountville).

Amnesty is limited to:

- Late fees
- Items marked for *Replacement* that are returned
- Items marked as *Billed* that are returned

Amnesty does not apply to:

- *Missing or Lost and Paid* items
- Damaged items
- Items that have already been sent to *Collections* (Collections policy remains unchanged)
- Fines that have been paid at other Library System of Lancaster County libraries
- Fines accrued and assessed before January 1, 2024

Fines will not be waived on items that are still possessed by the patron. Amnesty applies only to those Lancaster Public Library items that have been returned by the patron.

During the Amnesty Program period, Lancaster Public Library will still collect fines from other Library System of Lancaster County libraries, as this program applies only to items owned by both Lancaster Public Library branches.

During the Amnesty Program period, Lancaster Public Library will continue to charge for *Missing, Lost and Paid*, and Damaged materials.

Patrons with fines in excess of \$5.99, whether through fines at other libraries, or through the addition of fines added through the above withheld scenarios in the Amnesty Program, will still be required to pay those fines before checking out more materials at Library System of Lancaster County libraries, including both Lancaster Public Library branches.

Important Note: Phone calls, questions, and in-person concerns related to the 2024 Fine Amnesty Program should be forwarded to Theodore Griffiths at the Queen St. branch (extension 1122) or Lisa Lane at the Mountville branch (extension 4150).