

# **Mystic & Noank Library**

## **Fine Free Policy**

### **Overdue Fines:**

Overdue fines are no longer in effect at the Mystic & Noank Library. Incremental charges for items that are past due will not be issued until an item is considered “Long Overdue” or “Assumed Lost” all charges will be forgiven as soon as the item is returned.

### **Damages:**

The Mystic & Noank Library reserves the right to charge patrons for significantly damaged items. Items are evaluated for damage by Library Staff. The decision to charge for a damaged item is at the Library’s discretion.

Billable damage consists of, but is not limited to:

- Excessive water damage
- Significant staining
- Irreparable torn pages, chew marks, or other unseemly damage

Disclaimer: Interlibrary Loan and System-Wide Hold items may be more strictly monitored than items owned by the Mystic & Noank Library.

### **Lost Items:**

An item is assumed lost after it has been checked out on a patron's account for two months longer than the original or renewal due date. Once an item is assumed or claimed lost, a charge will be attached to the account that reflects the original cost of the item.

Library patrons will have the option to pay for lost or damaged items directly, or provide the library with replacement items. Payment plans will be considered for those who cannot buy items outright.

If a book is “lost” and returned no fine will be assessed. If a book is “lost” and paid for or replaced the charge will be removed from the account.