

Brillion Public Library is fine free!!

What does “Fine Free” mean?

Fine free = no daily fines charged for late library materials checked out at Brillion Public Library!

I have overdue fines on my account. Do I need to pay those?

No. All existing overdue fines for Brillion Public Library cardholders will be forgiven.

Does fine free mean that every service at the library is free?

Almost all of library services were already free before we removed overdue fines. When we talk about fine free, we are only talking about daily charges for late items. There is still a fee for services such as faxing, copying, and laminating.

What’s the difference between fines and bills?

Fines are per day charges for overdue library materials. Brillion Public Library no longer assesses fines! A bill is the value of an item that has not been returned or an item returned damaged. Brillion Public Library will continue to bill for items not returned or are returned with damages.

Can I renew an item before the due date or after it is overdue?

All of our renewal policies have stayed the same. You can renew items as before and are encouraged to do so! (Renewing items helps you keep track of due dates and avoid losing track of time and being billed for a lost item. It helps the library by providing an accurate checkout records.)

What if an item still isn’t returned after it is overdue?

After the item is overdue for 35 days, you will be billed for the item, which will be considered lost. If the item or total value of these overdue items exceeds \$10, your library card will be blocked from checking out materials until these items are returned or payment is made.

Can I return an overdue item after it has been billed?

You may return an overdue item within two months of the date it was declared lost and billed. (Refunds will not be provided for materials that are returned after the bill has been paid.)

What if I do not have a Brillion library card?

If you check out materials at Brillion Public Library, you will not have fines on those materials, and you can still return them at any MCLS library.

What if I put Brillion items on hold and check them out at Two Rivers or Manitowoc?

While Brillion is fine free, our materials follow the loan rules of the library where they are checked out. If you place a hold on a Brillion book and check it out at Two Rivers or Manitowoc, it would still generate fines if returned late.

Will the library still get their materials back?

Yes! Other libraries that have gone fine free have discovered that the rate of return on materials is the same.

Why is the library going fine free?

Fines create a barrier to library use, often to the most vulnerable in our community who need our resources. We are joining public libraries in Calumet County (Chilton, New Holstein, and Kiel), Wisconsin, and across the U.S. that are already fine free.