FINES & FEES POLICY

Purpose:

The Board of Trustees feels it is the responsibility of the patrons to bring borrowed materials back on time and to pay fees established by this library. This policy is to ensure a fair and equitable fee structure and procedure.

Fees:

Fees are charged for the following:

Library card replacement	$2.00
Material Processing Fee	$2.00
Copying	$.10 to $.25 per page
Room Rental Deposit	$20.00

Fines:

Effective April 14, 2021, the Mount Pleasant Public Library has gone fine free. Costs for material replacement, material/case/bar code damage or library card replacement are not fines and are not covered under the fine free policy.

If materials are lost the patron will be charged current replacement costs for the material. The patron has the option of getting permission from the director to replace the material. Once materials have been overdue for 2 months, or more, borrowing privileges are forfeited.

If the material is damaged, the patron will be charged for the cost of the repair. If the material is damaged beyond repair the patron will be charged current replacement costs.

If materials borrowed from other libraries (ILL) are lost or damaged, the patron is charged according to the lending library's policy.

If a title is no longer available, average cost will be charged to the patron.

Average costs per item:

Adult Non-Fiction	$35.00	Newspapers	$3.00
Adult Fiction	$20.00	Audiobooks	$30.00
Adult Fiction Paperbacks	$6.00	YA Paperbacks	$4.00
Juvenile Books	$15.00	Reference	$50.00
Kits	$15.00	DVDs	$25.00
Board Books	$7.00	CDs	$15.00
Adult NF Paperbacks	$15.00	Magazines	$3.00
Juvenile Paperbacks	$4.00		

Damaged Cases or Barcodes:

When audio cases, video cases, compact disc cases, barcodes, and protection cases are damaged or lost the patron is charged as follows:

Costs for Replacing Damaged Cases, etc.

DVD Cases	$2.00
Compact Disc Cases	$2.00
Barcodes	$1.00
Protection Cases	$3.00

If a patron fails to return library materials for two months or more after the due date the library reserves the right to pursue legal avenues as set forth in section 714.5 of the Iowa Code once the total amount is $200.00 or more.

If a patron attempts to conceal library materials or equipment either on library premises or outside library premises the library reserves the right to pursue legal avenues as set forth in section 714.5 and section 808.12 of the Iowa Code.

Refunds are not issued for damaged or lost materials.

Approved by the Board of Trustees
May 11, 2021