



DOWNTOWN LIBRARY
610 QUINCY ST. | RAPID CITY, SD 57701 | 605.394.6139

RAPIDCITYLIBRARY.ORG



Date: August 9, 2021
To: Rapid City Public Library Board
From: Emily Tupa, Policy Committee Chair
Re: Fine Forgiveness Event

Date: August 2, 2021
To: Emily Tupa, Policy Committee Chair
From: Terri Davis, Library Director
Re: Fine Forgiveness Event

Motion: Move to authorize a fine forgiveness and lost materials return event for September 2021 during Library Card Sign Up Month.

Background: The goal of this event is to allow users with blocked accounts to clear those accounts and be able to use library services again. To clear fines, or to address lost items that have been billed for or sent to collections, individuals may:

- Return late items without penalty, no matter how late they are
- Donate a like-new book or DVD (any title or subject) and the penalty for the lost item will be waived
- Donate new socks, clothing, toiletries, or non-perishable food items that can be donated to local organizations

In all cases, one donated item would clear \$25 of fines or lost materials. If other individuals are interested in helping out, they may donate to help clear another person's account.

This initiative will be extensively promoted in the community. Because of the anticipated negative impact on revenue, this proposal is being brought to the Board for approval.