

Why Fine Free?

The Waukesha Public Library should eliminate fines
for children's materials because....

11.5%

Of WPL cards are
blocked due to
fines exceeding
\$10

15.2%

WPL minors
(children not yet
18) can't use
their library cards
due to fines

1 in 3

Waukesha
students is
eligible for free
or reduced lunch



Our Mission: Waukesha Public Library champions the power of reading and learning to enrich, empower and engage all in our community.

Research has shown that
there is no significant
difference in overdue rates
between libraries that
charge fines and those that
do not charge fines.



**Fines disproportionately
hurt low-income
families.**



Removing fines makes
the library a more
welcoming place
for children
and families.



Fines accounted for
less than 1% of the
total 2018
Waukesha Public
Library budget.



Removing fines
(barriers) could increase
circulation and bring new
patrons to the library.

