

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.

