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Fine Free Farmers Branch

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# Why Charge Fines?

- To get patrons to return items?
- To punish irresponsible patrons?
- To make money?
- To keep doing what we have always done?

# Why Eliminate Fines?

- To provide greater access to the Library's vital materials, resources, and services.
- Patrons who know they have overdue fines don't come back to the library.
  - The City will never collect that revenue.
- "Fine free" does not mean "responsibility free."
  - Patrons either return items or are billed for the replacement of lost items or lose library privileges.

Children's materials are the most likely materials to be Overdue. On average, Children's fiction, picture books and beginner books are 9 days overdue.

Families with young children are most likely to incur Overdue fines and possibly be blocked from further checkouts due to Overdue children's materials. Overdue fines on items for our youngest and most vulnerable patrons can have lasting impact on learning outcomes and affordable access to enrichment and entertainment.

# Library Stats at a Glance

	Expired Library Cards	Active Library Cards	All Library Cards
	<u>2011-2021</u>	<u>2021-2024</u>	<u>2011-2024</u>
Average Fine Per Library Card	\$21.28	\$14.09	\$19.78
Total Library Cards Without Fines	1,910	10,472	12,382
Total Patrons With Outstanding Fines	10,332	2,733	13,065
Total Registered Library Cards	12,242	13,205	25,447
% Of Patrons That Were Charged While Under Age 17	30.10%	15.07%	22.59%
Total Outstanding Fines	\$219,870.74	\$38,504.50	\$258,375.24

*78% of fines were charged to Farmers Branch residents*

*5,573 Fines are under \$5.00 (42.6% of all fines)*

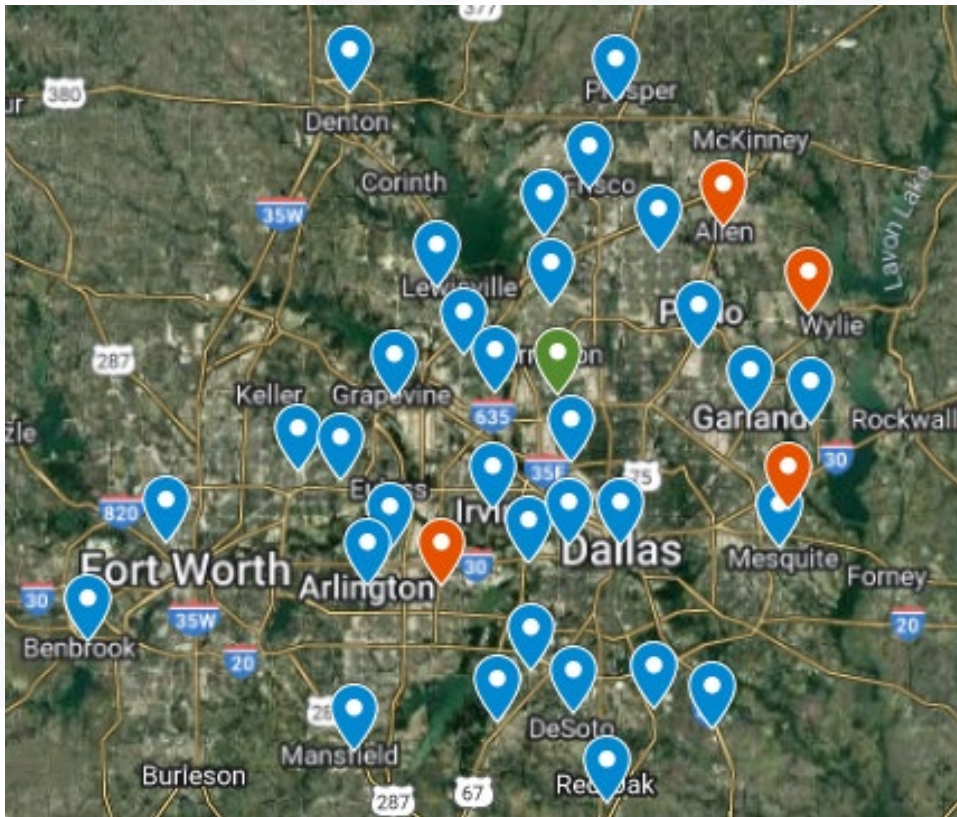
*10,690 Fines are under \$30.00 (81.8%) - Non-blocked library cards*

# Library Revenues

Fine/Fees	FY 2022 (Actual)	FY 2023 (Actual)	FY 2024 (Actual)
(101-0000-451-02-01) Library Fines	\$ 3,727.48	\$ 4,206.40	\$ 4,027.96
(101-0000-451-02-01) Library Fees	\$ 1,637.50	\$ 1,563.31	\$ 2,483.85
(101-0000-451-02-01) Library Replacement Cards	\$ 341.00	\$ 348.30	\$ 278.95
(101-0000-441-04-07) Library Prints	\$ 8,263.14	\$ 9,356.65	\$ 10,526.18

# The Library Today

- The world of the library has changed vastly over the years. Help us embrace the changes and provide better access to our community by allowing us to go Fine Free. In coordination with going fine free, we will be waiving any late fees that were collected prior to this policy change.



- Points in blue are fine free libraries surrounding Farmers Branch.
  - Frisco Public Library, Dallas Public Library System, Carrollton Public Library, Denton Public Library, Irving Public Library, Arlington Public Library, Fort Worth Public Library, Grapevine Public Library and more.
- Points in red are libraries surrounding Farmers Branch that charge fines.
  - Allen Public Library, Grand Prairie Public Library, Doris Padgett Public Library (Sunnyvale), and Rita & Truett Smith Public Library (Wylie).



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# Questions