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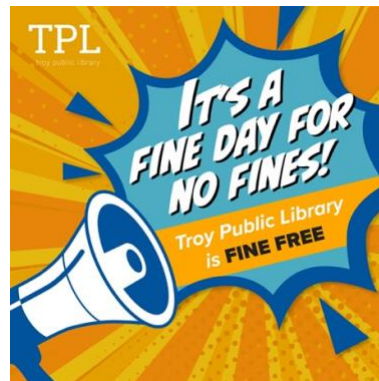
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**Troy Public Library Goes Fine Free April 3 for National Library Week**

*Library No Longer to Collect Fines for Overdue Items*

**TROY, MICHIGAN:** Troy Public Library patrons can soon enjoy everything the library has to offer without ever worrying about late fines. Effective April 3, 2022 the Troy Public Library will go fine free.

Fine free means Troy Public Library will no longer collect late fines for most items that are overdue. There will still be policies in place to ensure items get returned on time and stay in circulation.



By eliminating most late fines, Troy Public Library hopes to accomplish the following goals:

- Encourage patrons to readily use the library.
- Foster good will with the community by showing trust that they will return items.
- Create a positive, rather than punitive, association for the library with our patrons.
- Cultivate an atmosphere where staff can concentrate on improving customer service and providing positive interactions with our community.
- Eliminate any budgetary burden on patrons, as fines will no longer be a source of revenue (patrons already support the library through its dedicated millage).
- Remove monetary barriers to access, a tenant of the public library as an institution.
- Continue a policy that has been in practice for two years (due to the building closure) which has been shown to work well.

Library Director, Emily Dumas says “April 3–9 is National Library Week and what better way to celebrate than to make coming to the Library an easy, pleasant, and welcoming experience for everyone. Here’s to many happy returns!”

Find more information at [troypl.org/FineFree](http://troypl.org/FineFree) or by calling 248.524.3544.

**Troy Public Library is located at 510 W. Big Beaver Rd., just northeast of City Hall.**

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