

As of August 1st, 2026, The Ray Township Public Library will become Fine Free.

Patrons may still accrue fines on items that are checked out from partnering libraries within the Suburban Library Cooperative or through Melcat. Each individual library has their own policy regarding Library Fines and Fees.

Fine Free Materials:

Overdue fines will not be charged on the following items borrowed from Ray Township Library. If these items are not returned, they will be charged a lost fine and processing fee.

- Books
- DVDs
- Audiobooks on CD
- Vox Books
- Kits
- Exploration Station Backpacks
- Games

Overdue Materials That Can Be Fined

The following items are not included in the fine free policy and will have fees charged to a patron's account:

- Hotspots
- iPads
- Chromebooks
- Firesticks
- Go Pro Hero 9
- Snowball Microphone
- Projector
- Telescope

Procedure for Fine Free Materials

If the fine free item becomes overdue, notices will be sent out 5 days after the due date, 12 days after the due date, 26 days after the due date, and the patron will be charged for the item and the processing fee on the 45th day when the item is assumed lost. If the assumed lost item is returned, the full replacement cost and processing fee will be removed from the patron's account.

Procedure for Overdue Materials That Can Be Fined

The overdue materials that can be fined have a 7 day loan period with 1 renewal and a daily overdue fee of \$1.00. If the item becomes overdue, notices will be sent out 5 days after the due date, 12 days after the due date, 26 days after the due date and the patron will be charged for the item and the processing fee on the 45th day when the item is assumed lost. If the assumed lost item is returned, the full replacement cost and processing fee will not be removed from the patron's account or at the Director's discretion.

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