

## NO LATE FEES...EVER!

The Seneca Falls Library is proud to present to you the new fine free policy. To better serve the community, in November of 2018 our Library Board voted to make all of our materials fine free as of January 1<sup>st</sup> 2019.

This movement is also retroactive for the Seneca Falls Library, which means all of the former late fees patrons have acquired will also be removed as of January 1<sup>st</sup> 2019.

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## SENECA FALLS LIBRARY

# FINE FREE GUIDE

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Starting January 1<sup>st</sup> 2019.

## WHAT DOES FINE FREE MEAN?

Fine free means we will no longer charge fees for items that are considered late. Lost or missing items will still be charged to patron accounts. These charges will pay for items to be replaced.

- **HOW MANY DAYS DO I HAVE BEFORE AN ITEM IS CONSIDERED MISSING?**

If an item is not renewable, patrons will have 60 days to return an item before it is considered lost and generates a replacement charge on the Patron card. As soon as an item is returned any replacement charges will be removed from their account.

If an item is renewable, the patron could have up to 120 days with an item if there are no holds.

- **WHAT HAPPENS IF I RETURN AN ITEM THAT HAS GONE MISSING?**

No problem! If an item is returned fees will be removed from the account and all library privileges will be restored.



## Fines From Other Libraries in the Finger Lakes Library System



### INTERLIBRARY LOAN ITEMS

Interlibrary loan items are considered late after the due date and will accrue fines that cannot be forgiven. This is because these items are coming from libraries outside of the Finger Lakes Library System and these libraries do not adhere to our policy. Interlibrary loan items can be identified by checking for a yellow band with printed information on the front of the item. Please note that interlibrary loan items generally cannot be renewed.



### FINES FROM OTHER LIBRARIES

Seneca Falls Library cannot forgive fines that come from other libraries in the system. Currently, many of the libraries in the system are fine free including every library in Seneca County.



### PRIVILEGES AFTER A BOOK HAS BEEN LOST

If an item is lost you will lose your library computer privileges, 3D printing privileges and checkout privileges until the item is returned or paid for. Exceptions may be made on a case by case basis.

**“The only thing you absolutely have to know is the location of the Library.**

**- Einstein -**