

Are you interested in fines free options? \*

**No**

If so, are you interested in fines free cards? Please indicate your order of preference (1=highest preference) for the following options. \*

For select populations

**2**

For everyone

**4**

For selected materials (such as children's materials)

**1**

An incremental approach (such as turning on the automatic renewal feature on PINES)

**3**

What makes you in favor of your first choice? \*

**I can perhaps see making children's materials fines free. It will stop parents excuse of "we'll run up too many fines" as an excuse not to bring their children to the library.**

Would you be in favor of PINES expanding the fines free pilot to 5 libraries?

**No**

Would you be interested in being a pilot site? If "yes", be sure to leave contact info below. **No**

Do you believe that your Board and/or funding agencies share your interest or will there need to be advocacy work?

**There will need to be a GREAT deal of work to pull them and me over. I just cannot justify throwing away a good revenue stream. I want to see if there is a long-term affect in bringing users back to the library before i hop on board.**

Would you need local support to offset revenues?

**Someone would need to off set the loss. I through the original suggestion was to ask the State legislature to off set it. When did it swap over to local governments?**

Anything you would like to add about the fines free idea?

**I thought GPLS said the state would be asked to offset the lost revenue. The question above indicates that GPLS now expects local funding agencies to off set the loss. That's not right. Our local funders are not asking for us to give up a**

reliable source of revenues-- GPLS is. Frankly I would be embarrassed to ask them to replace the lost revenue.

We need all the revenues we can get! It hasn't been that long since PINES voted to increase fines from \$0.10 per day to \$0.20. Why not roll back the fines before you do away with them all together. Obviously most thought upping the fines was justified a few years back . Why do away with them now? I don't get it. Why must we hop on every fad and trend? Why not sit steady in the boat.

Here's a suggestion. Instead of going fines free, why can't a library opt to set their maximum fine to \$1.00. We currently have the option to set the max at \$5.00, \$10.00 or price of book. I suspect some of the libraries that want to go fines free currently have their max set at \$10.00 We have never charged more than \$5.00 at our library per item.

If you are not in favor of fines free, please tell us more about your thoughts/reasoning/opinion below.

I think GPLS only thinks in terms of the larger better funded library systems. I don't think this is fair to small systems like mine and others that I've heard from. Also, as stated above, when this was mentioned, GPLS talked about State funding picking up the slack for the lost revenues. Now you're asking if we would need "local" support to offset revenues. What happened to asking the state--not that the State Legislature is reliable to maintain funding from one year to the next! What is promised this year is taken away as soon as there is an economic hiccup.

Here is a suggestion:

Allow libraries to set maximum fine per item at \$1.00 if they choose. Let others of us keep it at \$5.00 since there is no consensus between PINES libraries anyway. (\$5, \$10, replacement price)  
If a library really wants to go fine free, check them in under amnesty.

Let's do a PINES Amnesty month. Give everyone a chance to wipe the slate clean. Let patrons do something useful for the community in order to have their fines voided/forgiven/waived.

I truly do understand that everyone should have equal access to information. I believe in that whole heartedly! Every patron starts out with equal access... the card is free! It is the individual patron and or parent who ruins their access to information and materials by not abiding by rules to turn materials in on time or

**renew them in a timely manner. Libraries who charge fines are not the bad guys here.**

**If you do away with fines, what happens when the state hits a bump in the budgetary road and cuts our Materials and SSG...What do we do then? It's happened before, don't think that I won't happen again.**