**What We’re Doing:**

- The St. Francis Public Library (SFPL) is no longer assessing overdue fines on SFPL’s youth (children’s & young adult) library materials.
- SFPL is waiving all existing overdue fines on previously returned youth materials.
- Overdue fines will still be assessed on other SFPL materials.
- Materials from other libraries are subject to that library’s lending policy and may accrue overdue fines.

**Steps SFPL has already taken to Increase Access and Decrease the Impact of Fines:**

- We improved due date and overdue notifications to make it easier to know when items need to be returned.
- We improved renewal options to make it easier to extend loan periods in the library, by phone, email, and text.
- We no longer block patrons from using essential library resources such as public computers and databases if they have fines and fees.
- E-materials, like e-books and digital magazines, have never accrued fines.
- We reduced DVD fines in 2019.

**Going Fine Free on Youth Library Materials**

**Beginning June 1, 2020**

**How it Works:**

- Overdue fines will not be assessed on youth materials.
- Fees for lost and damaged items will still be collected.
- Library users still need to return library items and will still receive reminders when a due date approaches and has passed.

**3 days before due date:** We send courtesy reminders via email or text message. Sign up for email and text notifications to get these reminders.

**1 day late:** Items are considered late after the due date has passed. Please return overdue items so others are able to use them.

**7 days late:** We send overdue reminders via email and text message.

**14 days late:** We send overdue reminders via email and text message. If you don’t receive email notifications, we will send out an overdue reminder via mail.

**28 days late:** Library cards can no longer be used to checkout additional items until overdue items are returned or paid for. The library sends a statement via mail, email, or text message with the replacement cost of the items in the event they are not returned.