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Kim Carroll; Lois Stark; Clarissa Maciel-Garibay

Subject:

Re: Library fines City Council June 13 agenda item

Many libraries in Oregon and across the country have eliminated library fines, which are a barrier to use of this public service for the most vulnerable. In the past "food for fines" has been an option but I submit that the same library patrons who cannot afford to pay fines are the same patrons who experience food insecurity. Current inflation in food and gas prices further stresses budgets with no discretionary money. I urge you to take the step to ELIMINATE LIBRARY FINES and empower the City Librarian and the Library Advisory Board to address other access concerns to the SPL.

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