

# Bellwood Public Library

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## Fine Free Policy

Effective April 1, 2017, Bellwood Public Library will do away with fines. All fines will be forgiven if you are a Bellwood Public Library patron.

### Exceptions are as follows:

- Items that are lost and/or damaged must be paid and are excluded from our fine free policy.
- Wi-Fi Hotspot Devices will continue to incur late charges and are excluded from our fine free policy.
- If DVDs, Blu-rays, or CDs are placed in our outside drop boxes, the charge remains \$3.00 for each item.

All Bellwood Public Library items will continue to have a due date. We expect patrons to return items by the due date or renew the items. Renewals may be done on our website, by phone, or in person. Patrons are allowed two renewals on items if there are no holds.

Patrons will continue to receive overdue notices. If an item becomes 42 days overdue, the patron's borrowing privileges will be suspended until the items are returned, or the replacement cost for the material is paid. At that point, you will be billed for the item.

All current and future late fines will be forgiven if you are a Bellwood Public Library patron.

Items must be checked out at and returned to Bellwood Public Library in order to incur no fines. If the item is returned to another library, the patron will have to come into Bellwood Public Library to have the late fines removed. Bellwood Public Library cannot reimburse Bellwood patrons for fines paid at other libraries.

### Key Points to the Fine Free Policy:

- Must have a Bellwood Public Library card
- Items must be checked out at Bellwood Public Library and returned to the Bellwood Public Library
- Items may be renewed up to 2 times, if there are no holds and does not include feature DVD's.
- Return the items to Bellwood Public Library within 42 days of the last approved due date.
- All fines will be waived. Charges such as lost/damaged items are not waived.
- After an item is overdue for 42 days, the item will be considered lost, and you will be billed for the item(s). Your library card privileges will be suspended until the items are returned or the bill is completely paid. In addition to being billed for the item(s), the patron will also be billed a processing fee of \$5.00 for each lost/damaged item.
- Items returned at other libraries may be charged a fine. Bellwood Public Library will not refund any payments made at other libraries.