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**GENESEE DISTRICT LIBRARY
GOES FINE FREE**

April 20, 2026 – Flint, Michigan Good news for library lovers. No need to worry about those pesky overdue fines anymore because Genesee District Library (GDL) is going fine free.

According to Dave Conklin, GDL Director, many other libraries in Michigan and across the United States have already gone this route.

“The time is right for GDL to make this move as revenue from overdue fines has dropped significantly recently,” he said. “This drop is due in part to the popularity of digital resources, which automatically expire and therefore do not generate any overdue fines.”

Here’s what fine free means for patrons: Items without holds will auto renew once and have the option for a second renewal. When an item is overdue, the patron will receive a notice to renew or return the item.

When an item is five days overdue, they’ll be billed the replacement cost of the item. But if the item is returned in good condition, they will owe nothing.

This change coincides with National Library Week, April 19-25, which is an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries and library professionals play in transforming lives and strengthening communities.

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