



# LIBRARY AMNESTY WEEK

October 21-27, 2018

## **What is Amnesty Week?**

A week-long program where library patrons who have overdue items can return those items in good condition and have all the fines and fees associated with that item waived.

## **How does the program work?**

Any library card holder that has overdue items can return those items during the week of October 21-27 and have all fines and fees for that item waived. This program does not apply to damaged, missing or inter-library loan items.

## **What if I no longer have the items?**

Amnesty is only for long overdue items and their associated fines and fees. Amnesty does not apply to materials that are not returned.

## **Will you accept a replacement item?**

No, Branigan Library does not accept replacements for lost items.

## **What if the item is damaged?**

Amnesty only applies to items returned in usable condition-not damaged. A damaged item is not eligible for the program.

## **Because I had so many overdues and fines, I couldn't check out items anymore. If I return all my overdue items and get my fines waived, can I use the library again?**

Yes! You will be asked to update your account information, especially if your account has expired, and you will be listed as a new patron for 90 days. And remember, even if you have fines and fees on your account that prevent you from checking materials out, you're always welcome to attend programs, use the computer lab, read books and magazines in-house, and participate in library events.

## **What's a new patron?**

The new patron status puts some check-out limits on your account. You will be able to check out library materials, but the number of items you check out will be limited. If your account is in good standing at the end of the 90 day period, your account will be changed to a regular patron, and your borrowing limits will be higher.

## **What items are eligible?**

The library will accept returns of books, magazines, DVDs, Blu-Rays, audiobooks on CD, PlayAways, art, music CDs, even non-returned library VHS and cassette tapes.

### **What is not eligible?**

Items that are damaged beyond repair and inter-library loan books.

### **How do you define “damaged beyond repair”?**

Any item that can no longer be used, such as a DVD or CD that is cracked or heavily scratched, a set of DVDs or CDs that are missing a disc, a book or magazine with a torn cover, stains, pen marks and highlights, missing pages, missing barcodes, labels or RFID tags, chew marks, water stains, mold, or heavy, unpleasant odors.

### **My item is really old and probably not useful anymore, can I still return it?**

Yes. We will accept any overdue library item, regardless of its age, as long it is in good condition, and not an inter-library loan.

### **Do I need to bring anything to renew my account?**

Yes, if your account has expired and needs to be renewed, you will need to provide a photo ID with your current address or a photo ID and an official document, such as a lease or utility bill to verify your current residence.

### **Can I have other fines or fees waived?**

Only the fines and fees associated with each item returned in good condition can be waived. Fines and fees for non-returned items, damaged items or fees for damage, new cards or printing cannot be waived.

### **Will this be a one-time program?**

Amnesty Week will be held at least once a year.

### **Are items from the Munson Center Branch and the Sage Café Branch also eligible?**

Yes, any overdue items from any location that are returned in good condition are eligible.



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