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I have not received all of the historic financial information I had requested BUT I think the concept has merit - so I propose the following as a starting point for discussion

- 1) Waive all late fees if material is returned
- 2) Borrowing privileges will be revoked if patron has late material outstanding
- 3) Privileges will be reinstated when material is 1) returned or 2) paid for at the stated replacement cost per Bibliomation

I am willing to add a fourth - Children's and teen's replacement cost will be 50% of the Bibliomation cost.

The ultimate goal of late fees is to encourage patrons to return materials - however it is equally important to encourage patrons to use the library - and it is of greater importance sometimes to get the borrowed material returned than the revenue generated.

We don't want a policy that encourages patrons not to return material and build a home library on our backs - so we could also consider capping late fee forgiveness - for example our current late fee is 10 cents a day - we could forgive the lesser of the actual fee or one year's worth of fee \$36.50. or the value of the unreturned material

We want to encourage two things - use of resources of the Library and 2) accountability for the timely return of material while acknowledging the socio-economics of our community, while not totally excusing irresponsibility.

Patrons in the Great Depression knew there were fines if library materials were returned timely and today shouldn't be different - but we can be more forgiving if it helps increase our circulation of materials - to benefit everyone in our community