



Naples Library

Resolution on Monetary Library Fines as a Form of Social Inequity

The Naples Library Board recognizes that monetary fines

- present an economic barrier to access of library materials and services;
- create a barrier in public relations, absorb valuable staff time applying, collecting, and managing dues; and
- limit library card adoption and library usage.

Since monetary fines ultimately do not serve the core mission of the modern library, the Naples Library Board affirms the “Monetary Library Fines as a Form of Social Inequity” resolutions of the American Library Association, the New York Library Association, and OWWL Library System and hereby resolves to:

- 1) Actively move towards eliminating practices of imposing fines on library patrons
- 2) Strengthen funding support for the library so the library is not dependent on monetary fines as a necessary source of revenue.

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This policy may be amended by the Naples Library Board of Trustees at any time.

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