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**Clermont County Public Library**

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**LIBRARY AMNESTY WEEK:  
FINES WILL BE FORGIVEN**

Do you have an overdue library book or magazine? As a gift from the Clermont County Public Library to the community, you can return all overdue materials **FINE-FREE** during Library Amnesty Week, December 27-31.

Starting in January, fines for overdue materials will increase. The library's current fines are 5¢ per day per item. This applies to all materials including videotapes, DVD's and CD's. Fees will change next year to 20¢ per day for books and magazines and 50¢ a day for audiovisual items.

This increase is necessary to keep materials readily available for all library customers. The price of materials for Clermont County Public Library's collection is considerably higher than when the fines were first put into effect. The library's budget has not had a substantial increase in over 4 years and fines have remained unchanged for over 10 years. Based on today's uncertain economy and the library's tighter budget, the Board of Trustees of the library felt it was an appropriate time to increase fees.

To take advantage of Library Amnesty Week, drop off your materials at any of the ten branches between December 27-31 and your overdue fines will be waived. Amnesty does not apply to lost or damaged books.

For more information call 732-2736 or stop by your local branch library.

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