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Clermont County Public Library

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CHANGES IN LIBRARY FINES

Do you have any overdue library books? Now is a great time to return any overdue materials to the Clermont County Public Library before fines increase in 2005.

The library's current fines are 5¢ per day per item. This applies to all materials including videotapes, DVD's and CD's. This will slightly rise next year. The new fines will be 20¢ per day for books and magazines and 50¢ a day for audiovisual items (videos, DVD, tapes and VHS).

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.

Even though the fines will be increasing, consider how much money Clermont County Public Library customers actually save. Check out these amazing figures!

- Customers borrowed 1,689,694 books in 2003. At an average of \$25.00 per book, they saved \$42,242,350!
- Customers borrowed 151,513 videos & DVD's in 2003. At an average cost of \$3.00 per rental, they saved \$454, 539!
- Customers borrowed 213,689 audiocassettes & CD's in 2003. At an average cost of \$25 each, they saved \$5,342,225!
- Customers borrowed 8,611 music CD's in 2003. At an average cost of \$15 each, they saved \$129,165!

The new fines take effect January 1st, 2005. Look for upcoming information on a special Amnesty Week, December 27-31, when all overdue materials can be returned **FINE-FREE!** For more details, contact your local branch library.

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