

Cohocton Public Library Fine-Free Policy

The Cohocton Public Library believes there should be no barriers for our patrons to be able to enjoy and appreciate the materials and services the Library has to offer.

Therefore, the Cohocton Public Library is a “fine-free” library.

This policy applies to patrons of all ages, and all material owned by the Cohocton Public Library.

While we will not collect fines for overdue items, we will collect fees for lost or damaged items. The Library will work with patrons to find the lowest cost of replacement possible for any item that is lost or damaged. Lost and damaged items limit the ability of our entire community to enjoy the materials in our collection.

****Patrons with overdue and non-renewable items (items that have reached their limit for renewals) will not be able check out additional materials until their account has become current.****

Items will not be discharged from a patron’s account if it is returned incomplete (ie; missing discs from DVD cases or pieces missing from “bound with” items). In these instances, the item will be renewed at the discretion of the Library staff member on duty so that it may be returned complete.

These policies apply only to items owned by the Cohocton Public Library. We cannot forgive fines or approve extra renewals for items owned by other Southern Tier Library System member libraries. We are required to collect fines for materials owned by other member libraries who charge them.

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