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**FINE FREE BORROWING FOR SENIORS & NEW HOURS**

Seniors over the age of 62 will be exempt from library late fees beginning September 4th. The change is designed to ease stress and financial burden for the library's elder borrowers.

"Senior citizens may have more trouble getting to the library regularly," says Library Director Marilyn McIntosh, "they may depend on others for rides, have trouble driving at night or at certain times of day, or they may find themselves indisposed for longer periods of time than younger patrons."

With the new policy, seniors will still be responsible for the cost of lost materials, but the small daily fines (25 cents a day for a book) will no longer appear on their accounts. The move sets a course toward fine free lending for the entire library population.

"Fine free is the future of library lending," says McIntosh, "and it makes sense to start with a population that may be on a fixed income; people who have already paid their dues socially and economically."

**NEW LIBRARY HOURS**

The fine free change coincides with new operating hours for the library, also going into effect on September 4th.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9:30 – 8:00	9:30 – 8:00	1:00 – 9:00	9:30 – 8:00	9:30 – 5:00	9:30 – 4:00	Noon – 5:00

Internal statistics revealed that library use dropped sharply after 8 PM. In addition, patrons begin congregating outside of the library building long before the current opening time of 10 AM. The Board of Trustees and the library staff feel that these refined hours will better serve the community.