

**Purpose:** The purpose of the Fines and Fees Policy is to ensure that the Baudette Public Library demonstrates good stewardship of the materials within the library among all patrons.

### **Fines and Fees**

<u>Items</u>	<u>Fees (only for replacement)</u>
Books	
DVD	
Projector	
Screen	
Ipads	
Lifejackets	
Fishing poles	
Tackle	

Replacement cost is at the director's discretion.

All fines exceed \$5.00, the patron is blocked from further borrowing.

Replacement cost as listed in item catalog record and is charged when the item is lost or destroyed.

Items automatically age out to a status of lost once they have been overdue for a period of time assigned to each type of material. This action occurs inside the online system, and typically transitions from overdue to lost between 40 and 50 days after the item becomes overdue, depending on the type of material that has been borrowed.

Replacement Library cards:	NO FEE
Copies	\$ .25 black/white copy \$ .50 color copy
Patron brings their own paper	\$ .20 black/white copy

### **Fine/Fee Philosophy:**

- Libraries only work when all borrowers are responsible for items checked out on their library card
- All damage/overdue situations should have some consequences because we are funded with tax dollars.
- Replacement fees need to be paid so we can purchase new items
- Consideration should be given to children because we want them to keep reading and they don't always have control over returning their overdue items.
- Bad publicity can cause more harm to the library, in some cases, than the impact of an uncollected fine.