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Saskatoon Public Library Waives Outstanding Fines

SASKATOON – The Saskatoon Public Library today announced that it has wiped away the accumulated fines of library cardholders with overdue items. Anyone who had accumulated fines up to November 2, 2015 will discover that their fines have already been wiped clean.

“We want to get people back into the habit of borrowing,” explained Carol Cooley, Director of Libraries and CEO. “If an outstanding fine has kept you away from the library, it’s a new day, a fresh start and our way of saying welcome back.”

According to Cooley, many of the fines on record are small amounts that have been accumulated by patrons without the means to pay them. By eliminating outstanding fines, she believes the Library could recover lost and long overdue items and encourage people to come back and experience all the Library has to offer.

“If people have been away from the library for some time, they will be amazed at the transformation now underway,” said Cooley pointing to renovations at Carlyle King Branch and the new Stonebridge Branch scheduled to open in 2016. “Libraries like ours are evolving into dynamic community spaces. Today’s libraries are vibrant people places that promote learning, creativity, conversation and community building.”

New or replacement Library cards are available at any one of Saskatoon Public Library’s eight branches. Cards allow users to advantage of the library’s many resources and services, including opportunities to borrow print and electronic books, movies and music; browse magazines and newspapers; and, access the library’s computers and Internet.

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