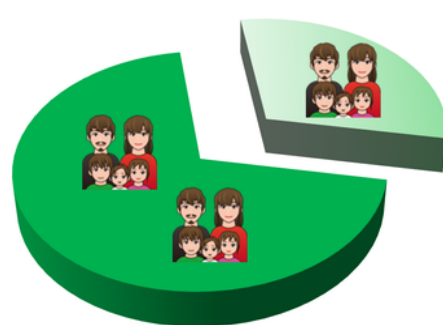


FINE RELIEF FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

"...CHARGING LIBRARY FINES FOR MATERIALS, WHILE EQUAL TREATMENT, IS NOT FAIR BECAUSE THE PRACTICE DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTS LOW-INCOME MEMBERS OF OUR SOCIETY." – AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, 2012

1/3 BLOCKED

1/3 of patrons in poverty may be blocked due to overdue fines



KIDS' FINES ARE ONLY 13%

At 13% of our fine revenue, kids' fines are 0.35% of our budget.



Libraries have sought grant support, raised adult fines, or have just eaten the cost.



READING OFF YOUR FINES

Kids read for a period of time and get a set amount of fine waived. In NYC, 15 minutes of reading removed \$1 of fines.

Fine relief is also offered for program participation, use of e-resources, and art, crafts, music or other creative pursuits.



RESULTS COAST TO COAST

Libraries report increases in active patrons and in circulation once a fine relief program is implemented.

Fine relief programs also appear to generate positive goodwill among parents and children alike.



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MORE ITEMS IN USE – GOOD WILL – EQUITY