

Library Fines and Fees Comparative Study

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			Monterey County Free Libraries - Current Fees	Berkeley Public Library	County of Los Angeles Public Library	Kern County Library	San Benito County Free Library	San Diego Public Library	San Francisco Public Library
1		Fines, Fees and Other Services							
2		Library Card							
		Initial	Free	Free must be renewed every 4yrs	Free must renew every 3 yrs	Free	Free	Free, must be renew every 2 yrs.	Free, must be renew every 2 yrs.
3		Replacement	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$5.00	\$2.00 Adult & \$1.00 Juvenile Card for Non- Resident \$28.00	\$1.00 Adults 0.50 Children
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5		Loan Periods							
		Books, Magazines, Talking Books	3 wks	21 days, up to 50 items	3 weeks	3 weeks with two 3 week renewals allowed. You may check out up to 30 items.	Varies -21-Day, 14- Day and 7-Day Materials	Books 3 weeks, up to 40 items .	3 weeks books
6		Videos and DVDs	1 wk	21 days	Entertainment Videos/DVD - 2 days. Documentary Videos/DVD - 1 week	DVDs and Videocassettes are checked out for 1 week with a \$2.00 rental fee. For an additional \$2.00, DVDs and Videocassettes can be checked out for 2 weeks.	Varies -21-Day, 14- Day and 7-Day Materials	1 weeks	Varies
7		Special Loans	Varies	Tools - 3 or 7 days from Tool Library Laptops/iPads - 2hrs	To teachers or educators	N/A	N/A	Yes, special loans are done and in advance.	Varies
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9		Renewals							
			Free	Free average of 2 renewls except for Laptops and iPads	Free Book and magazines can be renewed 2, DVD and Videos 1 time online or via phone.	Free by phone or internet once	Free once online	Free online	Free online, in person or over the phone
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11		Returns							
			Free at all branches	Free - Tools must be returned to Tool Lib	Free at all branches	Free at all branches	Free at all branches	Free at all branches	Free at all branches
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13		Overdue Fines and Fees			Monterey County Free Libraries (MCF 2013-2014)				
14		Adults	\$0.25	0.25 a day	0.35 a day	0.50 a day	0.25 a day	0.35 a day	0.10 a day

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15	Juveniles Seniors	\$0.15 \$0.15	0.25 a day Patrons 60 years of age and above are considered seniors. Fines for seniors are \$0.10 each day - except for DVDs, videos, and tools.	0.15 a day 0.35 a day	0.50 a day 0.50 a day	0.25 a day exempt from overdue fines. However, if library materials are overdue, an older adult patron cannot check out materials until overdue items are returned.	0.10 a day 0.10 a day	no fees no fees
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17	Children	N/A	Children's items have no overdue fines.	0.15 a day	N/A	N/A	No fee	no fees
18	ILL Request	1.00 per title	Their service is called Link+, \$1.00 per item per day	\$10.00 flat fee + charges from borrowing lib	0.50 a day	2.00 per items not picked up	Free	Free
19	Lost or Damaged (beyond repair)	Item cost + \$8 processing fee.	Item cost + \$15, plus account will be blocked if not returned when bill is sent. If not returned within 8 weeks of due date, and you owe \$50.00 or more and will be referred	Hardback bks (adults/ya) - 35.00 Hardback bks (juvenile) - 15.00 Paperback bk - 10.00 Audio bk or CD-\$25.00 or \$60.00 set	The average fee is \$20. The list is extensive and varies depending on the material.	Item cost + \$5 processing fee. Other cost of items Audio/VHS/DVD/CD Cases \$3.00 each Audio Cassette/CD Holder \$1.00/\$5.00 (cases/bags) each Checkpoint (security)	When an item is lost, you will be charged the cost of the item, any accrued overdue fines, plus a processing fee.	Cost of the item FMV + \$5 processing fee non refundable.
20	Items lost/returned	\$8 proc fee	If an item is returned damaged, you will be charged for repair or replacement of the item, and a non-refundable \$15.00 fee.	Hardback bks (adults/ya) - 35.00 Hardback bks (juvenile) - 15.00 Paperback bk - 10.00 Audio bk or CD-\$25.00 or \$60.00 set	The average fee is \$20. The list is extensive and varies depending on the material.	Refunds on lost items up to 1 month from date of payment with original receipt.	\$100.00 assessed on the 16th day an item is late. No refunds will be given once payment has been received for a lost item. No refund will be given for returned items.	Cost of the item FMV + \$5 processing fee non refundable.

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21	<u>Blocking policy</u>		\$25 or more	\$10 or more	An account that is blocked or barred may have fines/fees, overdue items or the address on the account blocked.	\$2 or more will result in suspension of checkout privileges until account is resolved.	\$6.00 will result in suspension of privileges.	\$50	Over \$10.00
22	<u>Notice</u>								
23			after 4 wks, only 1 notice	14 days after due date.	Free for materials on hold via phone or email. Free 3 days before overdue notice email.	Only if you sign up for email notification	\$1 for overdue notice	Free for holds, material due in 3 days and material 21 day overdue. Via Email only.	Free for overdue items, via email, phone and text. No mail notices
24	<u>Billing collection</u>								
25			\$50 or more	If items not returned within 8 weeks of due date, and you owe \$50.00 or more and will be referred to collection agency. Then charged a \$20.00 non-refundable fee in addition to the bill.	N/A	N/A	N/A	Unpaid fines will be referred for collection, which could result in additional charges and reporting to a credit agency.	Fees not paid with in 30 days will be sent to a collections agency and fee may include Lib fees and other collection agency fees not associated with the library.
26	<u>Other Services:</u>								
27		Photocopying	0.15 B/W & 0.50 color	.25 B/W	.25 B/W	N/A	.15 B/W & \$1 color	.20 B/W Staff copies per page .25	.10 B/W .40 Color
28		Computer printing	0.15 per pg	.15 B/W	Free up to 10 pages per day in b/w.	N/A	.15 B/W & \$1 color	.20 B/W \$1 color	.10 B/W .40 Color
29		Microfilm printing	0.15 per pg	N/A	Free up to 10 pages per day in b/w.	N/A	N/A	.15 per page	self printing is .10 Lib Assisted (dep on Amount) \$5 - \$10
30		Public use fax (U.S. ONLY) Sending	\$3.5 first page .50 additional pages	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
31		Public use fax Receiving	.50 per pg	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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33	<u>Meeting Room Use</u>								

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		Lib Sponsored Events	Free	Free use of the community room, however there is a charge for the Electronic Classroom. ■Community Room may be used only once per month.	This library system only have study rooms available they are free with students having priority over their use.	Kern County has 3 categories for Lib Facility use and depending on what category de requesting party is charges then apply they very from free to \$800 but event can only be	N/A	Library Sponsored Groups, including Not-for-Profit (501(c)(3)) Organizations - with nominal membership fee of less than \$100/year, open to the public/no fundraising.	Free and rooms are prioritized 1. Lib Events 2. Public Mtg with Co Dept 3. Children programs 4. Non- Profits
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		All Others	\$10 for 1st 2 hrs, then \$10 add hrs	Free use of the community room, however there is a charge for the Electronic Classroom. ■Community Room may be used only once per month. ■Use only during open hours and must be cleared 30	This library system only have study rooms available they are free with students having priority over their use.	Kern County has 3 categories for Lib Facility use and depending on what category de requesting party is charges then apply they very from free to \$800 but event can only be for 4 hrs.	N/A	\$50 per hours for Gen Mtng Rooms, plus \$100 ref cleaning deposit and \$100 per hour for Rm w/100 capacity, plus \$200 ref cleaning deposit. Going over the scheduled time doubles the room rate.	The use of the meeting rooms is free, however there are set up fees for furniture set up, TV/CR/Projector, etc....fees range from \$25 - \$100 including light refreshments.
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		Returned Checks	\$25.00	State fees apply	N/A - Can only pay with Cash, Credit or Debit	N/A	N/A	City Fees apply for returned checks	\$10 city wide fee
38		Referral fee to Collection Agency	\$12.00	\$20.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	More than \$99.99 on an account.	Fees not paid with in 30 days will be sent to a collections agency and fee may include Lib fees and other collection agency fees not associated with the library.
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		Test Proctoring (Where Available)	\$10.00	N/A	Available dep o Location and fees range from \$20 to \$50 per hour and depending on test type.	N/A	NominalFee	Discontinued at of 7/11/2012.	Free
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41		WiFi (Where Available)	Free	Free	Free	N/A	N/A	Free	Free

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	Obituary Search	\$5.00 per name	Charges varie depending on what information is requested and how much.	Up to 3 are free only for individuals who dies in LA county.	N/A	N/A	The research to find the obituary/death notice or article citation is free. If an article/obituary/death notice is found, we will notify you and the exact charge for obtaining the information are: \$ 3.00 mailing, per request	Fees will be collected depending on the amount of seach requested cahrges vary per case.
42				Fees vary from \$5 to \$50 dep the use.	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$15 per 300 dpi scan, \$30 for 600 dpi scan, and \$50 for 1200 dpi scan
43	California Digital Image	\$20 per image (personal/non-profit) \$35 per image (commercial use)	N/A					
44	Additional Services							
	Online payment with Credit Cards	N/A	Free with Credit card and debit card.	Free with Credit card and debit card.	Free with Credit card and debit card.	N/A	Free with Credit card and debit card.	Free with Credit card and debit card.
45		N/A	Tools Library - Patrons who have a Lib Card can borrow work tools	N/A	N/A	N/A	Catering is available when reserving a room w/100 capacity. Min of \$200 is charged+10% of net receipts.	Light catering offer for a fee in their meeting rooms.
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