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Fine Block Limits Policy

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Since the purpose of fines is to “facilitate the free flow of information” and not as a punitive measure or source of income, all RSA libraries shall agree to a standard cumulative fine block limit of no more than \$20.00 for all borrower types, except those that are excluded from blocks.

RSA has provided specific user profiles to facilitate this with fine block limits of \$5, \$10, \$15 or \$20. Each library may choose which limit they wish to use.

If a library has questions about how to handle the payment of damaged, lost or replacement items, please see the [Damaged Materials Policy](#) or the [Lost Materials Policy](#).

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