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Dear Mayor & Council,

I am forwarding the following update for your information on behalf of Christina de Castell.

Vancouver Public Library (VPL) is taking another step toward fully fine free library service. Starting June 1st, overdue fines will no longer be charged at VPL.

Funding provided by City Council in the 2021 and 2022 operating budgets enabled VPL to offer a fine forgiveness event last year and to reduce all fines and fees early this year. This has provided 2/3 of the ongoing budget necessary to permanently fund fine free service. The remainder of the ongoing funding (\$205K) will be a budget pressure that the Library will address with the City through the 2023 budget process.

Eliminating overdue fines is another way VPL is helping to address affordability in Vancouver. As one of the last urban libraries in Canada to eliminate overdue fines, VPL is pleased to be removing this barrier to critical library services that disproportionately impacts some of Vancouver's lowest income neighbourhoods. This video shows the impact of overdue fines: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kOVyUnvLj4>

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