



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 10/5/2021

Consent Agenda

Department: Library

Presenter(s): Jim Blanton, Library Director & Don Warn, Finance Director

Contact(s): Jim Blanton, Library Director & Don Warn, Finance Director

Subject: Library Fine Write Off

Brief Summary:

Upon approval of the FY22 budget the Library is no longer charging overdue fines as of July 1, 2021. While fines will no longer accrue within the Library's tracking system, the fines prior to July 1, 2021 still need to be cleared in order to align with the new policy. The fine total remaining as of July 1, 2021 is \$104,234.90. The number of accounts associated with the \$104,234.90 total is 12,902, for an average of \$8 owed per account. Any fees associated with lost or damaged materials are not applicable and will not be cleared.

The Library Advisory Board considered this action at their June 8, 2021 meeting, and voted to recommend clearing remaining overdue fines to complete the process of implementing the fine free policy.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

The Library requests that the Board of Commissioners approves writing off \$104,234.90 in remaining overdue fines in order to align with the Library's fine free policy.

County Manager's comments and Recommendation:

County Manager recommends approval.