

RESOLUTION # 111022 A

Resolution Recommending the Buncombe County Board of County
Commissioners to Authorize the Library Director to Waive Unpaid
Library Fines

WHEREAS, in July of 2021, the Buncombe County Library System joined a number of library systems across the country seeking to reduce the financial barriers to library services by permanently eliminating late fines for overdue library materials and forgiving all previous overdue liberal fines; and

WHEREAS, to that end, at its October 5, 2021, meeting, the Buncombe County Board of County Commissioners wrote off \$104,234.90 in remaining overdue fines to align with the Library's fine free policy; and

WHEREAS, since that action, Buncombe County staff have identified an additional \$48,132.25 in late fines that needs to be forgiven in accordance with the Library's fine free policy.

WHEREAS, the Library Board is of the opinion that it would be in the best interest of the County, the Library, and the Library's patrons for the County to authorize the Library Director to waive, write off, and forgive in accordance with the Library's fine free policy, any and all unpaid library fines, including but not limited to the newly discovered fines referenced above, as well as any such fines that may be discovered in the future.

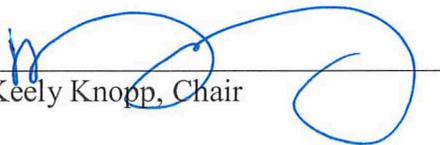
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Buncombe County Library Board as follows:

1. That it hereby recommends that the Buncombe County Board of County Commissioners authorize the Library Director to waive, write off, and forgive in accordance with the Library's fine free policy, any and all unpaid library fines, including but not limited to the newly discovered fines referenced above, as well as any such fines that may be discovered in the future;
2. That any prior acts or resolutions, or parts thereof, of the Library Board in conflict with the recommendations herein contained are, to the extent of such conflict, superseded and repealed.
3. That it recommends that the Buncombe County Chair, Vice-Chair, and County Manager, or any one of them, or their designee, be authorized to execute such documents as may be required to effect the purposes and intents of this Resolution
4. That it recommends that, by and with the consent of the County Legal Department, County staff be instructed to proceed with this undertaking and all

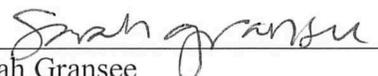
acts and doings of officers, employees and agents of the County, whether taken prior to, on, or after the date of this Resolution, that are in conformity with and in the furtherance of the purposes and intents of this Resolution as described above shall be, and the same hereby are, in all respects ratified, approved and confirmed.

5. That this resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

BUNCOMBE COUNTY LIBRARY
BOARD

By: 
Keely Knopp, Chair

ATTEST


Sarah Gransee
Branch Services Manager