



## Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

### Request for Board Action

**Meeting Date: 3/21/2023**

#### Consent Agenda

**Department:** Libraries

**Presenter(s):** Jason Hyatt, Library Director

**Contact(s):** Jason Hyatt

**Subject:** Library Fine Write Off

**Brief Summary:** As of July 1, 2021 Buncombe County Public Libraries no longer charge overdue fines in accordance with the fine free policy implemented upon approval of the FY22 budget. Since that time Buncombe County staff have identified an additional \$48,132.25 in residual overdue fines accrued prior to July 1, 2021 that need to be cleared. 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 November 11, 2022 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 \$48,132.25 in remaining overdue fines in order to align with the Library's fine free policy.

**County Manager's comments and Recommendation:** Approve as presented.