

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA  
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2018-086

PROCLAIMING FINE FORGIVENESS DURING OCTOBER 2018 FOR TEENS DURING  
TEEN READ MONTH

WHEREAS, a library patron's account is blocked after \$10.00 in fines are accrued; once blocked, a patron may not check out any library materials, including ebooks, until fines are paid down; and,

WHEREAS, fines create a barrier to accessing library materials and resources for patrons who cannot afford paying off their fines; and,

WHEREAS, fines on teens' library cards are often the result of parents having used their cards and accrued fines when they were children, and come as a surprise and embarrassment to teens; and,

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers, and supporters across America are celebrating Teen Read Month, an effort to attract more teens to the library and educate them about our offerings; and,

WHEREAS, waiving teens' fines during Teen Read Month is common practice in many libraries across the country (including Hennepin, Carver, and Multnomah County, Oregon, Libraries).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THAT:

1. The Mayor and City Council offer a one-time fine waiver to teen library patrons in middle and high school to be used during the month of October 2018.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Northfield on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

ATTEST

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City Clerk

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Mayor

VOTE:        \_\_\_ POWNELL    \_\_\_ DELONG    \_\_\_ NAKASIAN  
              \_\_\_ NESS     \_\_\_ PETERSON WHITE    \_\_\_ ZWEIFEL