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Library Plays Cupid During Valentine Week by Reuniting Overdue Books With Its Shelves And Forgiving Overdue Fines

Two books overdue for 33 years among thousands of books returned for “LAPL Misses You” event, now through Feb. 14

Los Angeles, Feb 8, 2016 – Two books overdue for 33 years are among the thousands of materials that have been returned to the Los Angeles Public Library during the first week of the “LAPL Misses You” event, which runs February 1 - 14. The books, originally checked out from a branch library in 1983 were found in a closet and returned by a library patron on February 3.

During the final week of “LAPL Misses You,” everyone is encouraged to search their cars, closets, behind the sofa and other locations for lost and forgotten library materials and return the materials to any of the library’s 73 locations. LAPL will forgive the overdue fines, and library accounts that have been frozen will be reactivated, allowing people to begin using their library cards again.

“We are thrilled to offer people this unique opportunity to reunite their overdue books with our library shelves with no questions, no judgment and best of all, no fines,” said City Librarian John F. Szabo. “We’re encouraging everyone—children, students and adults—to return their overdue materials so they can get back to discovering all that the library has to offer, and so others can enjoy these books.”

Materials can be returned to the circulation desk or book drop at any of the 73 Los Angeles Public Library locations. Overdue fines will be forgiven; other fees may be excluded from this



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offer. If materials are lost, patrons may replace them with a librarian's approval, and the fines will be forgiven. For more information, visit www.lapl.org/missingyou.

A 2015 recipient of the nation's highest honor for library service—the National Medal from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Los Angeles Public Library serves the largest and most diverse urban population of any library in the nation. Its Central Library, 72 branch libraries, collection of more than 6 million books, state-of-the-art technology accessible at www.lapl.org, and more than 18,000 public programs a year provide everyone with free and easy access to information and the opportunity for life-long learning.

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