Los Angeles Public Library to Welcome Back Overdue Books and the People Who Love Them During “Missing You” Event

Late fines will be forgiven February 1 – 14

Los Angeles, Jan. 19, 2016 – The Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL) will welcome back its overdue books and the people who love them during the “Missing You” event from February 1 – 14. During these two weeks only, people can return overdue, undamaged materials to any of the 73 libraries, and LAPL will forgive the overdue fines. Library accounts that have been frozen due to overdue fines 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 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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