**Luther Area Public Library**

**Damage to Library Materials**

 A borrower is charged a fine for damaging library materials when we are reasonably certain that the damage was incurred while the material was in his or her possession. The fine is based on the degree of damage and the cost to repair it. If an item is damaged beyond repair we charge the title’s retail price to the patron. If there is no retail price a default value is charged.

 The current default values are:

 List price of item or as follows is price is unavailable:

1. Children’s Book $15.00
2. Adult Book $25.00
3. Audio Book $30.00 per tape or disc
4. DVD $20.00
5. VHS $5.00 (will not be replaced)
6. Reference Book $50.00

 Payment of a damage charge does not convey the right of ownership for the damaged item to the person doing the damage. The damage charge is a monetary penalty for damaging or destroying public property. Items not returned 45 days past the due date are defined as lost. Overdue fines are over-ridden by replacement cost.

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