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## **Replacement of Materials Policy**

The Valley Community Library (VCL) offers a large variety of materials for the members of its community to borrow. This includes books, DVDs, Blu-rays, CDs, board games, kits, and more. While the majority of the library's services are free, there are fees for damaged or lost items.

Patrons are financially responsible for damage that occurs while library materials are in the patrons' possession. If library materials are lost, the patron is responsible for the cost of replacement, and it will be billed to their account.

- **Damaged Books** If a book is returned damaged, the borrower will be charged for the replacement of the book. Damage includes, but is not limited to, marks caused by pen, pencil, highlighter, food, liquids, tearing, cutting, pets, or by exposure to heat or dirt.
- Lost Books Books are considered "Lost" when they are 28 days overdue. The borrower will be charged the cost of a replacement copy, and any other fines including a collections fee, if applicable.
- **Replacement costs** are determined by a combination of the publisher's cost of the item or by the library staff responsible for purchasing the items.

VCL will accept replacement copies of books, only if they are in new condition and the same edition with the same ISBN number. VCL will not accept replacement copies of any other items (new or otherwise) in lieu of paying the replacement fee. Any questions about an account may be directed to the circulation manager and they may arrange a payment plan or make partial payments on lost materials.