



TULARE
COUNTY

LIBRARY

Library

Fiscal Year 2019/20
Eliminate Extended Use Fees
April 30, 2019

Proposal Summary



The Library charges fees to encourage the return of materials, to cover the costs to repair or replace materials damaged or lost, to assist in covering the costs for staff time and materials, and to charge the cost of items sold to the public to be used as part of library services.

After a cost benefit analysis, the Library is proposes:

- **Elimination of extended use fees for Library Materials**

Extended Use Fee



Current		
All Library Materials	Per Item/Per Day (Maximum \$10)	\$ 0.25
Proposed		
All Library Materials	Eliminate*	

*Note: Does not include eliminating fees for lost or damaged items.



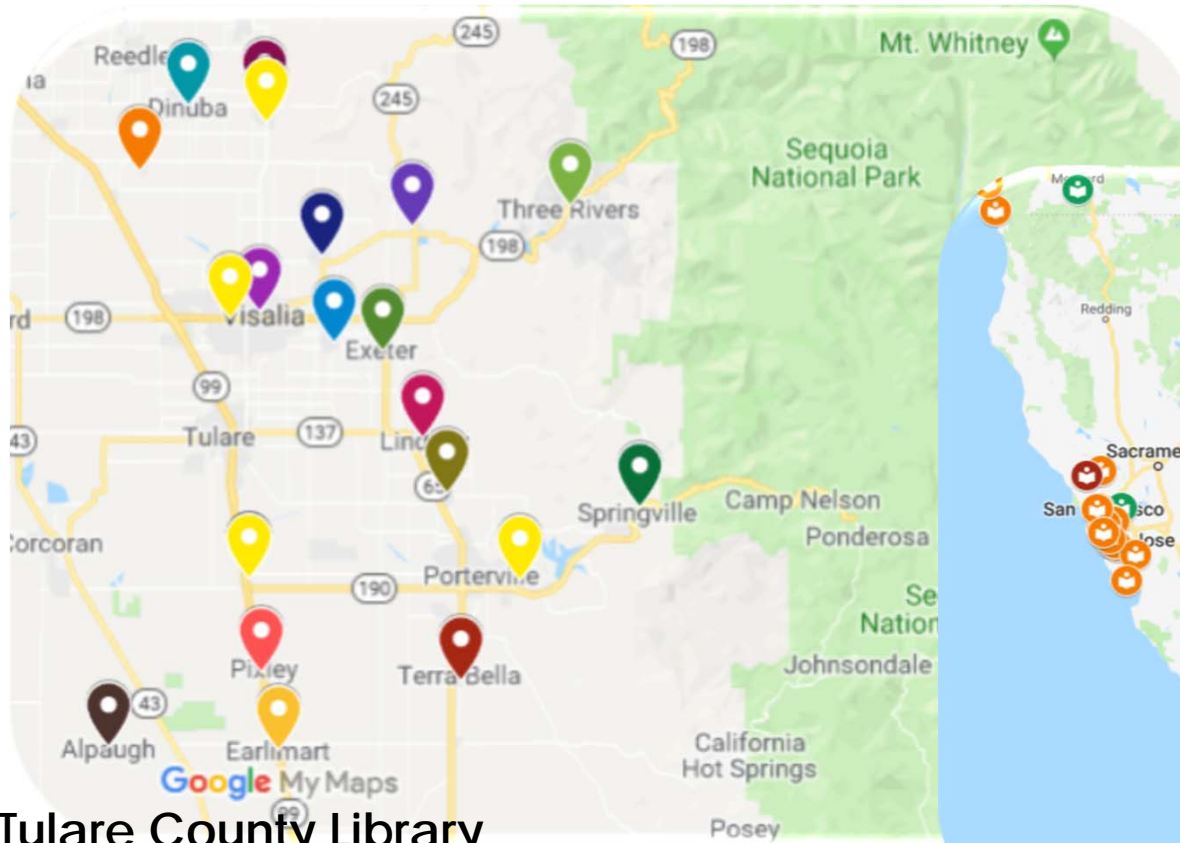
2018 Statistics



From January 2018 through December 2018

Number of Transactions	41,341
Extended Use Fees Only	\$54,643
Average Collected Per Transaction	\$1.32
Estimated Time in Hours per Year	1,763.88
Estimated Staff Costs	\$46,566
Estimated Staff Costs per transaction	\$1.13
Library Open Hours	23,296
Estimated Percentage of Staff Time	8%
Hours Per Week	3.2

Libraries



Tulare County Library
17 Branches and 4 Book Machines

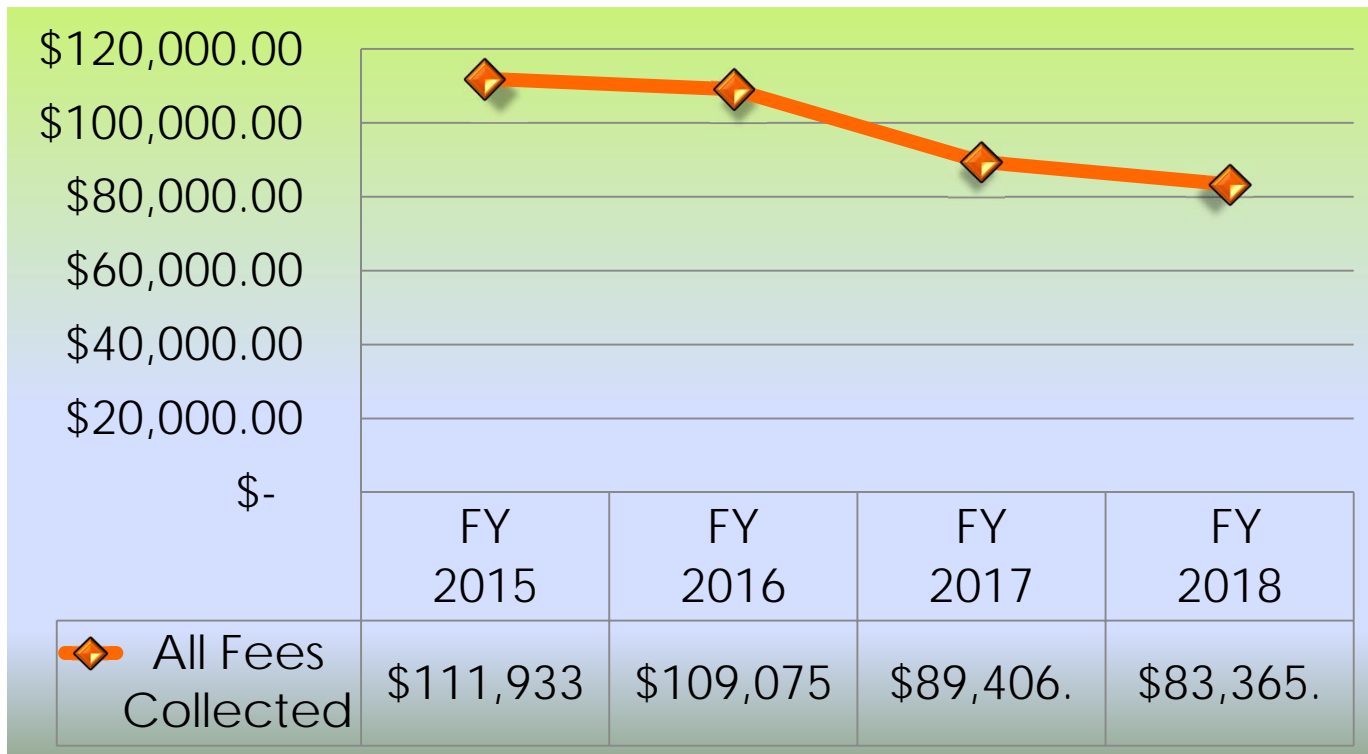


California Libraries
Eliminated Fees
or Considering

Fees Collected



Extended Use Fees Collected in 2018	Staff Costs	% of Budget
\$54,643	\$4,896,043	1%



Conclusion



The purpose for collecting the fees are not being met:

- to encourage the return of materials
- to assist in covering the cost of staff time to collect

In addition our items borrowed and patrons registered are decreasing.

The benefits of not collecting the fees are:

- Removal of a barrier to service
- Free staff time to
 - Increase programming and services
 - Increase literacy and learning access
 - Increase revenues via grants, programs, and donations
 - Increase outreach
 - Increase patron registration and borrowing

Library Mission



"The Tulare County Library strives to enrich the lives of all users by meeting the informational, recreational, self-educational and cultural needs of the community in a welcoming atmosphere. Through a trained, service-oriented staff, we provide organized collections of current-interest materials and access to additional resources through participation in cooperative library systems. We endeavor to fulfill our commitment to the future by providing stimulating materials and programs that encourage lifelong learning for all."



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Thank You

Questions?