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Library Circulation Policy Reflects Changes

The NMSU Library has implemented a new circulation policy. The new policy replaces a previous policy that was in place for more than a decade, and it reflects many changes that have occurred in society and the library world.

The most notable changes in the policy are expanded checkout limits and loan periods. Faculty, staff and graduate students now have unlimited checkout, and limits have been increased for undergraduates and guest borrowers from the community. Loan periods and number of renewals have also increased. However, in order to ensure that these materials are returned when they are due and/or requested by others, fines and fees for special items such as recalls, bound journals, videos/DVDs and reserve items have been increased to \$1.00 per item/per day or hour as applicable until the item is returned. The minimum replacement cost for any lost or damaged item has increased to \$35.00 plus a \$15.00 processing fee. Additional changes include alumni privileges, other billing-related changes and a formal appeals process.

In creating the new policy, NMSU Library officials looked at current policies at peer institutions and other academic libraries and also considered users' behaviors and perceived desires. The aim is to optimize the availability and use of library resources and promote equity of access to information. The new circulation policy is available on the Library's web page at <http://lib.nmsu.edu/aboutlib/policies/policy007.html>.

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