

FROM THE LIBRARY

Isn't there a saying that a few bad apples spoil the lot? Unfortunately that's what has been happening at the Library. For years, we've been very lenient about making patrons pay their fines when materials were returned or before their next checkout. We had understood when someone didn't have the money with them for whatever reason. It has become apparent that we need to change from being the "easy going" to the "tough guy". Due to a few patrons that are really abusing our system, we are now going to require that any fines over \$1.00 be paid before any materials can be checked out including the Internet. If materials are returned in damaged condition, the replacement charges must be paid as well before materials can be checked out. Materials are purchased with your tax dollars so we're concentrating on making the best use of your money.

Are you a Friend of the Library? Did you know that we have a Friends group? Our new Board Chair, Jerry Davidson would like to know what benefits a Friend would like to receive. We have mailed letters to current Friends and previous Friends asking for input. If you haven't been a Friend, what benefits would make you consider becoming a Friend. We'd like to hear from you – by mail (321 West 1st St.), by email (janicesharp@yahoo.com), by phone (755-7350), by a note in the book box or whatever means you would like to use. We want our Friends to be a significant part in the planning of a new Library. Let us hear from you.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your families. We at the Library are grateful for you our patrons.