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**Request & Response:**

**Request in bold:**

Response in plain text:

**Currently, how much is your authority owed in unpaid library fines?**

We have been unable to run a report on this. Overdue charges are calculated **on return** of the item so any item very overdue will not have a charge calculated against it. The current charging mechanism is a maximum charge of £8 per book per loan period for standard adult members; children are exempt from overdue charges. An adult allowing a book to go overdue, renewing it and then letting it go overdue again will start a new cycle of overdue charges, again to the maximum £8 per loan period.

**What is the monetary value of the single biggest library fine currently outstanding, and when was the item's scheduled return date?**

See response above - we have been unable to run a report on this. Overdue charges are calculated **on return** of the item so any item very overdue will not have a charge calculated against it. The current charging mechanism is a maximum charge of £8 per book per loan period for standard adult members; children are exempt from overdue charges. An adult allowing a book to go overdue, renewing it and then letting it go overdue again will start a new cycle of overdue charges, again to the maximum £8 per loan period. The longest overdue item's scheduled return date was 2 May 1995.

**What is the name of this item?**

The longest overdue item is *Mort* by Terry Pratchett. With reference to above, this item may not attract the single biggest library charge as it was loaned and never renewed or returned. The overdue charge for this title if returned today would be £8.

**Currently, how many borrowed items are currently overdue in your library system?**

25,150. 14,233 are overdue to exempted members who do not pay overdue charges.

**How many people are library card holders in your authority?**

103886. This is the number of people who have an active and unexpired library card

**How many people were library card holders 10 years from this date in your authority?**

168657. This is the number of people who had an active and unexpired library card

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