

**CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Finance Committee**  
June 15, 2010

**RESOLUTION TO OFFER FINE AND FEE AMNESTY**

- WHEREAS, The Cleveland Public Library encourages the return of its overdue materials, while recognizing that fines for overdue materials and fees for lost or damaged materials may keep patrons from coming back to the library and prevent them from checking out materials; and
- WHEREAS, The Library, desiring to serve as many borrowers as possible, wishes to offer patrons an opportunity to reinstate their borrowing privileges; and
- WHEREAS, September 2010, being Library Card Signup Month, is an appropriate time to offer borrowers a program of forgiveness, to be entitled "Fresh Start"; and
- WHEREAS, The procedures to implement the "Fresh Start" program will be developed by Administrative staff; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED, The Cleveland Public Library will offer CPL cardholders a "Fresh Start" during the month of September 2010 by: making September 2010 a fine-free month; forgiving 50% of fines owed for overdue materials; and forgiving 50% of fees owed for lost or damaged materials owned by Cleveland Public Library, subject to the terms and conditions of the administrative procedures developed for the program.