

Lending vs. Owning Circulation Rules

Comments from MORE Operations Committee, May 2017

- If MORE switched to using lending libraries' circulation rules, the need for patron education regarding circulation rules would remain because item labeling may prove inaccurate. For example, a library may include a \$.50/day overdue sticker on an item, but a patron might check out the item from a library that charges \$1/day.
- The circulation rules issue should be considered in conjunction with "Give Precedence to Local Holds." If MORE switched to lending libraries' rules and gave precedence to local holds, high-demand items would initially circulate from the owning library and be subject to that library's circulation rules (because the lending and owning library are the same).
- One set of circulation rules as determined by the lending library may be easier to explain to patrons, compared to the local library's set of rules plus the many exceptions as determined by owning libraries.
- Out-of-system interlibrary loan rules remaining different is not seen as a barrier to switching to lending circulation rules. Patrons already recognize these as a separate class of loans.