

MORE Operations Committee meeting materials

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Old Business, a:

MORE's current [Abuse of Staff Privileges Policy](#) was approved May 16, 2008.

The MORE Operations Committee should consider adding this section to [MORE Circulation Policy](#).

Draft update to Abuse of Staff Privileges Policy:

All employees of MORE-member libraries are expected to abide by both the MORE Circulation Policy and the circulation policy of their employing library. An employee using their staff privileges, their ability to override blocks, or other means of providing special treatment for themselves, family, or friends that wouldn't be allowed for other patrons, is an abuse of the privilege and prohibited by this policy.

Except when allowed by MORE and local library policy, special treatment can include:

- Overriding the checkout limit
- Changing due dates to allow unreasonably long loan periods
- Overriding the hold limit
- Overriding the renewal limit
- Renewing items with holds
- Shuffling the hold queue
- Waiving or reducing fines or fees

New Business, 6:

MORE's current [Fresh Start for Youth](#) policy was approved May 16, 2008.

The MORE Operations Committee should consider adding this section to the [Fine-Waiving Policy](#). In turn, a combined fine-waiving policy could be added to the [MORE Circulation Policy](#).

Draft update to Fresh Start for Youth Policy:

To help reconnect youth with the library, MORE's Fresh Start for Youth initiative extends fee-forgiveness to young people age 18 or under by:

- Providing replacement cards at no cost
- Waiving fines
- Waiving replacement charges for locally-owned materials

The maximum amount that may be waived is \$150. MORE-member libraries must offer at least one Fresh Start per individual, adding a note to the patron's record identifying the program, the date the fees were waived, and the library and employee's initials (Fresh Start 05/12/28 MI/mr)