Long Overdue (Lost) Items Basic Overview

LOCATE long overdue lost items

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- Use report 1854-Long Overdue Cleanup
- Make sure a replacement cost is present
- Pay attention to who owns the item

SET STATUS to long overdue (lost)

- Status may need unset then reset
- Automatically checks the item in
- Automatically charges the patron the cost of the item

CLEAN UP patron account & item

- Deal with accumulated fines based on your library's policy
- If it's your item, decide whether to replace and/or discard

RESOLVE issues with lending libraries

- Remove the lending library from the situation by reimbursing them
- Utilize Materials Replacement if applicable only as a last resort





Long Overdue (Lost) items are those that have been checked out and overdue for more than 100 days. These items are marked lost and left on the patron's card. It's important to clean these up to stop fines from unnecessarily calculating out of control, and to clear up outstanding overdue items.

Step 1. Identify the outstanding items by running report <u>1854 - Long Overdue Cleanup</u>

Step 2. Go to the patron account via the link in the report

| Link Accou | to int itemnumber | surname | firstname | date_due | barcode | |
|---------------|----------------------|---------|-----------|------------------------|----------------|------------|
| 1230 | 176516 | | | 1999-05-12 23:59:00 | 34311000134758 | Auto repai |
| 243110000 | 21298 400365 | 1 | | 2013-05-16 23:59:00 | 34311002031350 | Sam the s |
| 243110000 | 021298 484134 | 1 | | 2013-05-16 23:59:00 | 34311002257880 | Boo hoo B |

Step 3. Make sure there is a replacement price for the item -



If no replacement price is present, add one via Edit Items. If the price isn't locatable, make one up. This is very important!

Step 4. Click the barcode to get to the item detail page —

| 1 Checkout(s) 0 H | lolds | | | | |
|---|---|---------|-----------|----------------|-------------------|
| Due date | Title | , | ltem type | Checked out on | Checked out f |
| 01/27/2012 23:59 Long Overdue (Lost) | Black Hills /, by Roberts, Nora. 34311002 | 2095686 | Book | 01/27/2014 | Iola Public Libra |

Step 5. Remove current lost status (if necessary). Choose the empty space and click 'Set Status'.

| Statuses (Lost) | | Statuses (Lost) | |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Current location: | Iola Public Library | Current location: | Iola Public Library |
| Checkout status: | Checked out to Bonnie DaDog, Last rei | Checkout status: | Checked out to Bonnie DaDog, Last ren |
| Current renewals: | 1 | Current renewals: | 1 |
| Lost status: | Long Overdue (Lost) 🔻 Set Status | Lost status: | Long Overdue (Lost) 🗸 Set Status |
| Damaged status: | ▼ Set Status | Damaged status: | Choose |
| Withdrawn?: | No Withdraw | Withdrawn?: | Claims returned Local Availability Only |
| History | | History | Long Overdue (Lost) |

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| Damaged status: | ✓ Set Status | Damaged status: | Choose |
| Withdrawn?: | No Withdraw | Withdrawn?: | Claims returned Local Availability Only |
| History | | History | Long Overdue (Lost) |
| Accession date: | 06/30/2009 | Accession date: | Lost and Paid For |
| Total checkouts: | 8 (View item's checkout history) | Total checkouts: | Missing story) |

Step 7. Return to the patron account, notice the item is checked in

| Cannot check out! |
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| > Fees & Charges: Patron has Outstanding fees & charges of 29.35. Checkouts are BLOCKED because fine balance is OVER THE LIMIT. Make payment |
| Notes: |
| test patron |
| Messages: |
| Add a new message |
| 0 Checkouts 0 Holds |
| Patron has nothing checked out |
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Step 8. Negotiate the fine to fit your library's policy. For cleanest results, writeoff original fine then create a manual invoice for the correct fine amount.

| Account | Pay fines | Create manual invoice | Create manual credit | | | | | Manual invoice to bring fine down |
|------------|---------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--------|-------------|-------|---|
| Date | | Description of charg | jes | Note | Amount | Outstanding | Print | Manual invoice to bring line dowr |
| 01/27/2014 | Fine Fine 41 | 9672 View item Black Hills / | , | 1/2 Price of Book | 13.48 | 13.48 🗲 | Print | |
| 01/27/2014 | Writeoff View | / item Black Hills / | | | 789.10 | 0.00 🔶 | Print | Original fine written off |
| 01/27/2014 | Lost Item Bla | ack Hills / 34311002095686 | View item Black Hills / | | 26.95 | 26.95 🗲 | Print | |
| 01/13/2014 | Black Hills / | 01/09/2014 23:59 View item | Black Hills / | | 0.60 | 0.00 | Print | Charge for lost book created by |
| 01/13/2014 | Lost Item Th | e shack : 34311002026053 \ | /iew item The shack : | | 14.99 | 0.00 | Print | marking item lost |
| 01/13/2014 | Item Returne | d 34311002026053 | | | -14.99 | 0.00 | Print | |
| 01/13/2014 | The shack : | 01/02/2014 23:59 View item | The shack : | | 1.80 | 1.80 | Print | |
| 05/09/2012 | test fines Su | ndry | | | 12.00 | 0.00 | Print | |
| 05/09/2012 | Writeoff | | | | 12.00 | 0.00 | Print | |
| Total due | | | | | | 42.23 | | |

Step 9. You can optionally delete your item at this point, or wait and delete them in a batch at a later date. *Don't delete items owned by other libraries!*

If the item is owned by a different library...

- Exhaust every option to get the item back
- Charge the patron with the above procedure
- Fill out necessary paperwork for Materials Replacement if applicable (between 2 months and 1 year overdue)
- Reimburse the owning library
- When the owning library receives payment, they should add a non-public note to the item stating "Paid for by [Library] on [Date]" and change the status to 'Lost and Paid For' if desired