

- Current unpaid late fees in the system total \$297,876.59 (mid September 2019). Ideally these will be waived with the elimination of late fees.

Total Unpaid Fees in the System	Total
Total unpaid fees	\$1,103,166.68
	40,087 Patrons
Non-overdue fees	\$805,290.09
	12,127 Patrons
Overdues	\$297,876.59
	35,472 Patrons

### Should we generate revenue with late fines?

- The **American Library Association** has recently come out against charging late fees whenever possible.<sup>16</sup>
  - From the “Resolution on Monetary Library Fines as a Form of Social Inequity (2019)”
    - “The American Library Association asserts that imposition of monetary **library fines creates a barrier to the provision of library and information services.**”
    - “urges libraries to scrutinize their practices of imposing fines on library patrons and ***actively move towards eliminating them***; and”
    - “***urges governing bodies of libraries to strengthen funding support for libraries so they are not dependent on monetary fines as a necessary source of revenue.***”
- LPL’s **Mission Statement** has something to say about fees.<sup>17</sup>
  - Core services without charge. We provide basic library services free of charge.
    - Although late fees are certainly voluntary, \$120,000 a year is a lot of money for services provided “free of charge.”