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The Umatilla County Special Library District (UCSLD) in cooperation with all 11 City Libraries in the District and the Hermiston Public Library will start using the same circulation policies including fines and fees by August 31, 2007. In March of this year the Library District and City Library governing boards in Umatilla County decided to require the standardization of public library borrowing policies across Umatilla County in order to eliminate access barriers for city library cardholders.

The new loan rules were drafted by Library Directors, reviewed by the City Library Boards and adopted by the Umatilla County Special Library District Board on June 11, 2007. A 60 day implementation period from July 1, 2007 thru August 31, 2007 will allow cities to locally adopt and change over to the new policies.

Highlights of the new borrowing rules include; three week check outs for most materials plus a three day grace period; seven day check outs for videos and High Demand items plus a one day grace period; cardholders may have up to six holds or interlibrary loan unfilled requests at any time; most items may be renewed once for an additional three weeks if others are not waiting; items checked out may be returned to any public library within Umatilla County.

A full description of the adopted loan rules is available on the Umatilla County Special Library District website. Go to www.ucsld.org and click on “About UCSLD.”