

Love Library reduces fines, changes lending code

By Marella Synovec

Love Memorial Library has reduced overdue book fines and created a new lending code that should eliminate discrepancies users have encountered in the past, say library officials.

The new lending code, in effect for the first time this semester after six months of planning, applies to all libraries in the university's library system and are either in effect now or will be in the next few weeks.

A few exceptions to loan periods, however, are found in the libraries of architecture, chemistry and law. The new code keeps the same borrowing privileges for all users.

The loan period for bound periodicals has been reduced from one week to three days. However, Charles Chamberlin, circulation services librarian, said that bound periodicals now are renewable. Assistant Dean of Libraries Dean Waddel said periodical users either treated a bound periodical as a book and wishes to keep it longer or used them for one or two articles at a time, which caught the library in the middle.

Compromise

The new code also includes a change in circulation procedure. Previously, one form was used when checking out a book. One part remains with the book and the other stays in the library. Although the new circulation forms have not arrived, Chamberlin says the manufacturer should be delivering them within the next few

weeks.

With the new dual-copy circulation forms, the library user no longer will be required to return material to the library for renewal. The user can send or bring in the renewal form to be stamped with a new due date, Waddel said.

More flexible

He said the new system is more flexible, provides extra convenience to the user and speeds the flow of material to the shelves once it is returned.

The interlibrary use is unified under the new code. Waddel said library users now aren't faced with three or four different lending codes when they are searching for specialized materials. Central reserve and circulation have been combined, he said.

Fines on overdue books have been reduced from \$1 to 60 cents, Chamberlin said. The grace period to return books has been extended from one to five days and Chamberlin said he "hopes materials will be returned so others can use them."

"Perhaps no fines would be necessary if material was returned on time or renewed prior to the due date," Waddel said. Chamberlin added that although fines are justified as an incentive to return books promptly, the \$1 fine was criticized because students said it was too high.

New design

Waddel said he would like to redesign the circulation desk to make it more serviceable, by allowing direct entry to the stacks from the first level and combining check-out and security checks.

Chamberlin said use of the library's main branch is increasing, but he does not attribute the increase to higher enrollment. He said the new building may be attracting more people, and as the system continues to change and improve the number of users may continue to increase.

Chamberlin said the new code has not been in effect long enough to determine any serious problems.

Information on the new lending code is available at the Circulation Desk of Love Library.

short stuff

An organizational meeting for people interested in attending law college is today at 7:30 p.m. in the Nebraska Union.

Health educational majors will meet today at 3 p.m. in the Nebraska Union.

The first meeting of the Human Development and the Family Club will be Tuesday, at 6:30 p.m. at Peter Pan Park.

A recital of sonatas for violin and piano presented by Arnold Schatz, professor of violin at UNL, and Audum Ravin, pianist is scheduled for 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9, in Kimball Recital Hall, 11th and R streets.

Student activities will be represented at the Activities Mart, Wednesday and Thursday, from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in the Nebraska Union.

Temporary student jobs are available in Europe during this year's Winter Olympics. Interested students should apply immediately to: Winter Placement, SOS, Box 1812, Luxembourg, Europe.

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