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**JULY 8, 2008**

Last month, the Public Library Department implemented a new web-based Integrated Library Automation System (ILS). The ILS is the Department's core computer system which supports several mission-critical business functions, including the circulation and acquisition of library materials, library catalog, fines/fees accounting, customer account management, and access to online reference databases.

The transition onto this new system offers a timely opportunity to recall our outstanding books and materials. By offering amnesty for the fines associated with overdue items, library patrons will be offered a fresh start and be relieved of any financial obstacles that may prevent them from making continued use of Library resources. A "Fines Free Week" will give Los Angelinos a chance to start anew and will surely encourage them to spend more time reading and spend less time worrying about late fees!

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**I, THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

1. Declare the week of August 11, 2008 through August 17, 2008 as a “Fine Free Week” at the County of Los Angeles Public Library. During the Public Library “Fine Free Week”, fines will be waived for any overdue books and materials that are returned and any previous existing fine balance on a library user’s account will be reduced by 50% if paid in full during that week, and
2. Direct the County Librarian to develop and implement a “Fine Free Week” information campaign at all County Libraries and on the Public Library website to ensure library users are aware of the fine waiver opportunities; and
3. Direct the County Librarian to report the results of the Public Library’s Fine Free Week to the Board of Supervisors by October 1, 2008.

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