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## Henry County Library System announces "Clean Slate" fine forgiveness program through Dec. 31.

In honor of retiring Library Board Chair Dr. Gordon Baker, Henry County Library System will waive all late fees through the end of the year. Late fees will be waived on any books returned in December. In addition, anyone with a PINES library card issued in Henry County who has accrued overdue fines can have them forgiven by contacting any Henry County library.

Dr. Baker has served on the Library Board of Trustees for 18 years. In January he will retire from a career in education that includes 40 years of service to Henry County School System, Clayton State University, numerous professional statewide leadership positions, and countless hours of volunteer work. "We can't think of a better way to honor Dr. Baker than by giving everyone in Henry County a clean slate to start the new year," said Library Director Kathy Pillatzki. "Gordon has worked tirelessly throughout his career to promote libraries and literacy, and it seems fitting to celebrate his retirement with a holiday gift to the community that will make library services accessible to all. Overdue fees were originally meant to be a deterrent and not a punishment, but in reality they can be a barrier to service for those who have fallen on hard times or accrued fines through circumstances beyond their control. The Library Board of Trustees is happy to honor Dr. Baker's legacy in such a meaningful way."

Active cardholders can have fines waived over the phone by calling 678-432-5353. If the card is expired, the cardholder will need to visit any branch of Henry County Library System with proof of current address to have fines forgiven and have their card returned to active status. Fine forgiveness can only be applied to overdue fines and not fees for lost or damaged books. However, anyone with lost or damaged book fees is encouraged to contact any HCLS Branch Manager to explore options for resolving their account and getting their library card returned to good standing.