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## Library Overdue Fines – No Worries

(Santa Ana– CA) OC Public Libraries is encouraging its borrowers to participate in the library's Overdue Fines Amnesty Program. The program gives library borrowers a chance to return overdue library material and clear their accounts during the Libraries' Amnesty Week scheduled from September 12th to September 18th, 2011.

"The most important goal of the amnesty program is to give library borrowers an opportunity to restore their full library borrowing privileges", said County Librarian, Helen Fried. "The library supports family literacy, education, self-improvement, career development and a variety of services and programs; it's important that the community take full advantage of what the library offers, especially during this time of financial uncertainty and hardship that many are experiencing. September 12<sup>th</sup> to September 18<sup>th</sup> is an ideal time for the amnesty program. It's the start of the school year many children and they'll need library material for reading and homework assignments", said Fried.

The Amnesty Program, which coincides with the Libraries' 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration and National Library Card Sign-up Month, was approved on July 26 by the Orange County Board of Supervisors, will be promoted in all 34 library branches. For more program information or a list of branch libraries and phone numbers, please visit OC Public Libraries website at www.ocpl.org.

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