

Hello TLs,

Some astute librarians have brought this issue to my attention: Sirsi records show fines for lost and overdue books for years and years. As your student moves from 5th grade to middle school, you hope the middle school will collect the fine or get the book back. As the student goes from 8th grade to high school, you're hoping the high school will collect the fine or get the book back. Thousands of Sirsi records show fines that are more than 4 years old!

It is not cost effective to transfer all fines from elementary and middle school to high school records (from Sirsi to Destiny). Each school needs to have a policy that encourages collection of fines for lost books before that student goes on to the next school. So, for example, I would not expect Kathy at Thornton Middle to put fines from Thornton Elementary into Destiny. And I would not expect Kristen or Tiffany at Thornton High to put fines from Thornton Middle into Destiny.

This fall, we plan to have Infinite Campus talk to Destiny - so when you put a fine in Destiny, IC sees it. When you take the fine out of Destiny, IC gets that info too. But that's not here yet.

For this year, transfer **your school's fines** from Sirsi to Destiny for **your** students. You are not obligated to transfer any fines or fees from Sirsi to Destiny if the book belongs to another school. (You can't actually, since you can only put fines on books in Destiny that belong to your collection).

We have lots of cleaning up to do to make our catalog clean and this transition to Destiny has highlighted much of this..... see below.

Even more explanation: Debbie, clerk at NorthglennHS, ran a Sirsi report, List Users with Obligations. This report showed all books that are on Northglenn HS students records as Lost or billed. She found books from 13 different schools in that list. She pasted the barcodes into a spreadsheet and sent the info to each school so that school could discard those books in Destiny. The book has been billed to a student for over a year, so it is very unlikely that it will come back to your collection. But the student who had that book is now at Northglenn HS - so you would not know that book is lost because it's on the record of a student who is not yours. This report & sending info to others is NOT mandatory - but if you have time, feel free to do it.

When you do inventory, you'll figure out which books are in your records, but not on your shelves, and that will solve some of these problems. But, some schools don't do inventory until spring. Meanwhile, Lori Erickson and I are working to remove all your books marked as Discard in Sirsi from your Destiny records!