

Billing other libraries for Long Overdue Items

As of Jan 11, 2008, there were 12,320 billed items in the Millennium system. Of these, 6,361 were checked out after Jan 12, 2007 and so are not yet eligible for billing to other libraries, but these items will be eligible to be billed if they are not returned or paid for. These 6,361 items will be used to demonstrate how each option would play out if none of the items were returned or paid for in the coming year. They represent something close to a year's worth of billed items. Of course, it's very likely that many of these items will be returned or paid for by patrons, so the numbers below are likely to be inflated.

Option 3: Libraries no longer bill for items checked out by patrons of other libraries, or at other libraries

In this option, items owned by a library, but checked out at another library would not be billed to either checkout agencies or patrons' home agencies. Choosing this option will save time and money on the part of OWLS member libraries and OWLSnet staff. Based on the scenarios below, Option 3 would involve up to 317 items or up to \$3400 that would not change hands. The maximum effect on any individual library's budget should be less than \$500, but much less in most cases.

Option 4: Annual bill administered by OWLSnet – checkout agency billing

In this option, items owned by a library, but checked out at another library could be billed to the checkout agency. This is close to our current model. It differs from it only in that OWLS would prepare an annual reconciliation, and some libraries would be billed while others would receive checks or credits.

2,926 items were renewed online, and so cannot be billed to another library because we don't know where they were checked out. Of the remaining 3,435 items, 317 were checked out at a legal library different from the owning agency.

The total cost of these 317 items would be \$5,382. When netted out, \$3030 would change hands. Under this scenario, the highest net owed by any one library would be \$391 and the highest net owed to any one library would be \$266.

Option 1: Annual bill administered by OWLSnet – home agency billing

In this option, items owned by a library, but checked out at another library *by a patron whose home agency does not match the owning agency* could be billed to patrons' home agencies. This model fits more closely with using a Collection Agency, and it assigns responsibility to home agencies since they are in charge of ensuring that their patron records are complete and correct.

The 2,926 items that were renewed online cannot be billed to another library because they may have been checked out at the owning agency. Additionally, we cannot determine patron home agency for the 154 items marked as Lost (although this should have been done by the owning library.) Of the remaining 3,281 items, 232 were checked out at another library by a patron whose home agency does not match the owning agency.

The total cost of these 232 items would be \$4,333. When netted out, \$3400 would change hands. Under this scenario, the highest net owed by any one library would be \$265 and the highest net owed to any one library would be \$531.

Option 4

Annual bill administered by OWLSnet - checkout agency billing

This scenario represents the 317 items that would be eligible for billing under option 4, if none of the items billed as of Jan 11, 2008 and checked out after Jan 12, 2007 were returned or paid for.

Library	Owed by	Owed to	Net owed
Algoma	\$84	\$25	\$59
Appleton	\$517	\$699	-\$181
Black Creek	\$12	\$0	\$12
Clintonville	\$60	\$123	-\$63
Door Cty	\$464	\$509	-\$45
Florence Cty	\$775	\$879	-\$104
Fremont	\$190	\$123	\$66
Gillett	\$415	\$130	\$285
Hortonville	\$52	\$57	-\$5
Iola	\$31	\$35	-\$4
Kaukauna	\$510	\$119	\$391
Keshena	\$0	\$0	\$0
Kewaunee	\$0	\$76	-\$76
Kimberly-Little Chute	\$97	\$363	-\$266
Lakewood	\$7	\$65	-\$58
Lena	\$8	\$26	-\$19
Manawa	\$25	\$175	-\$150
Marinette Cty	\$678	\$292	\$386
Marion	\$53	\$161	-\$108
New London	\$125	\$163	-\$38
Oconto	\$145	\$96	\$49
Oconto Falls	\$61	\$117	-\$56
Oneida Tribal	\$124	\$27	\$97
Seymour	\$59	\$113	-\$54
Shawano Cty	\$205	\$302	-\$98
Shiocton	\$104	\$67	\$37
Suring	\$78	\$43	\$35
Waupaca	\$490	\$392	\$98
Weyauwega	\$16	\$206	-\$190
TOTAL	\$5,382	\$5,382	\$0

Highest amount owed by any library

Highest amount owed to any library

Option 1

Annual bill administered by OWLSnet – home agency billing

This scenario represents the 232 items that would be eligible for billing under option1,
if none of the items billed as of Jan 11, 2008 and checked out after Jan 12, 2007
were returned or paid for.

Library	Owed by	Owed to	Net owed
Algoma	\$25	\$485	-\$460
Appleton	\$684	\$570	\$113
Black Creek	\$0	\$32	-\$32
Clintonville	\$74	\$47	\$27
Door Cty	\$494	\$411	\$83
Florence Cty	\$142	\$34	\$108
Fremont	\$123	\$65	\$58
Gillett	\$130	\$342	-\$212
Hortonville	\$57	\$0	\$57
Iola	\$35	\$20	\$15
Kaukauna	\$119	\$419	-\$300
Keshena	\$0	\$0	\$0
Kewaunee	\$76	\$0	\$76
Kimberly-Little Chute	\$341	\$76	\$265
Lakewood	\$65	\$0	\$65
Lena	\$26	\$8	\$19
Manawa	\$175	\$47	\$128
Marinette Cty	\$249	\$780	-\$531
Marion	\$161	\$31	\$130
New London	\$125	\$72	\$53
Oconto	\$96	\$149	-\$53
Oconto Falls	\$111	\$0	\$111
Oneida Tribal	\$27	\$104	-\$77
Seymour	\$113	\$55	\$58
Shawano Cty	\$302	\$165	\$137
Shiocton	\$67	\$0	\$67
Suring	\$43	\$78	-\$35
Waupaca	\$392	\$297	\$95
Weyauwega	\$81	\$48	\$33
TOTAL	\$4,333	\$4,333	\$0

Highest amount owed by any library

Highest amount owed to any library