The purpose of the FERN Center Fine Policy is not to wring more money from students. Rather, it is the only method by which we can facilitate the maximum distribution of limited materials by discouraging students from keeping material for long periods of time.

Therefore:

Material is considered overdue if it is not returned to the FERN Center by within the applicable checkout period from the time indicated at checkout. Please note, Course Reserve Materials are available for a 3-hour checkout and Dean’s Lending Library materials are available for a 10-day checkout.

Fines will be charged for all overdue materials (books, equipment, tools, etc.) and will be charged to your OSU Student Account through the OSU Business Affairs Office. If you fail to pay your fine by the end of each term, you will be unable to check out any more items from the FERN Center until the fee is paid.

The fine for overdue materials is $0.250 per item per hour or partial hour that the FERN Center is open (i.e. fees will not accumulate over the hours the FERN Center is closed).

Replacement cost will be charged on lost or stolen materials. Repair or replacement costs will be charged on damaged items.

Students with overdue materials are contacted daily. Please check your ONID email for messages regarding overdue items.