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Policy Changes at the Albany County Public Library

September 28, 2010– Laramie, Wyo. – The Albany County Public Library Board of Directors approved on August 24, 2010, the following policies to go into effect on October 1, 2010

*Interlibrary Loan (ILL)- The library will charge its cardholders \$2 for each successfully fulfilled ILL request. Patrons who request ILLs and do not pick them up shall still be charged the \$2 fee. The patron is responsible for charges or fines imposed by the lending library whether the item is picked up or not.* The library averages \$18,000 in postage per year with the majority of the cost coming from ILL requests. We estimate the actual cost per request is \$9 - \$10. The board believed that this cost is too great to continue underwriting, given the library's financial situation.

*Items on Hold - Items on hold will be set aside seven days.* This allows us to turn over high demand items. Patrons will be notified that their request is on hold. If patrons cannot pick up items within the time limit, they may call the library.

*Mission Statement - The mission of the Albany County Public Library is to enhance the quality of life in Albany County by offering access to a diverse collection of materials, being a key partner in education, and offering community-based programs.* This change more accurately reflects the goals of the library.

*Maximum fines - Persons owing the library \$25.00 or more shall be blocked and not able to check out anything until the fees are less than \$25.00.* The \$5 limit was so low that it limited people's ability to use the library collection.

Questions or comments should be made to Susan Simpson, County Librarian, 721-5565

The Albany County Public Library is located at 310 S. Eighth St., in Laramie, Wyo., and the library is open Tuesday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Friday through Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, please call 307-721-2580 or visit the Albany County Public Library website at <http://www.albanycountylibrary.org/>. Requests for accommodations from persons with disabilities must be made 24 hours in advance of a meeting to Marjorie Daley, Public Relations Coordinator, at 721-2580 ext 5456 or [pr@albanycountylibrary.org](mailto:pr@albanycountylibrary.org).