Fines for overdue items

I mentioned fines in the previous slide and I know that some places do not impose fines for overdue books but the University of Edinburgh Library does.

The big fines to note are under the N.B. section of this slide and is £1 per day for overdue recalled books and two pence a minute for overdue Reserve books. [N.B. 17th Sep20 – this high fine rate applied when Reserve loan was 3 hours or overnight. For 1 week Reserve loan, fine is 50p per day overdue].

A recalled book is one have borrowed which somebody else wants to read and they have Requested it on DiscoverEd. You get an email telling you that someone else wants it and the loan period is shortened from what it was originally.

If you are overdue for that changed period of loan, one pound per day is the fine.

And the Reserve loan fine is a very high two pence per minute [N.B. 17th Sep20 – this high fine rate applied when Reserve loan was 3 hours or overnight. For 1 week Reserve loan, fine is 50p per day overdue].

Full details on fines are available:


To see what fines you’ve got but also to be able to pay them online, you would go to DiscoverEd, sign in and go to the “My Account” area and look for the “FINES & FEES” section. Here you will see any fines you have got to pay and also be where you can pay them as well.

However, you can still pay them at Library Helpdesks in person [N.B. as of 1st Sep20, check before you try to do this after that date].