

Amnesty on library fines next week



EDINBURGH LIBRARIES WELCOME BACK BOOK LOVERS WITH FINES REPRIEVE

As part of National Libraries Day celebrations on Saturday 9th February 2013, Edinburgh City Libraries are holding a week-long fines amnesty to encourage people with outstanding fines to come back to their local library.

Anyone who comes into one of the city's public libraries between 9-15 February to return overdue books, CDs or DVDs will have their library fines written off – allowing them to borrow books again.

The capital's libraries will also be holding a drive over this period to encourage people living or working in Edinburgh to sign up and join the library.

A host of [free events and activities](#) aimed at children will also be taking place in libraries across the city to mark National Libraries Day – including author and storyteller Viv French at Craigmillar Library and children's writer Lari Don at both McDonald Road and Leith libraries.

Councillor Richard Lewis, the city's Culture and Sport Convener, said: "National Libraries Day is the key date in the calendar for our public libraries service and next week we want everyone to rediscover the joy of visiting their local library. We're hoping to welcome back as many people as possible to Edinburgh's libraries and hope that everyone takes this opportunity to start afresh with us."

[National Libraries Day](#) is an annual event in the UK dedicated to the celebration of libraries and librarians. Celebrations are held in schools, colleges, universities, workplaces and public libraries across the UK.