**To:** CUNY OLS Circulation Committee

**From:** Council of Chief Librarians

**Date:** April 9, 2020

***REVISED*** *April 16, 2020 to add coverage of eSIMS service indicators*

**Memorandum of Council of Chief Librarians Vote on Placing CUNYfirst Service Indicators**

In the Council of Chief Librarians meeting of March 9, 2020, the following proposal was presented by Maura Smale (City Tech and Chair, CCL), Kathleen Dreyer (BMCC), and Polly Thistlethwaite (Interim University Dean of Libraries and Information Services):

We propose that CUNY libraries no longer place service indicators (commonly referred to as “blocks”) in CUNYFirst for an excess of unpaid library fines/fees. Placing CUNYFirst blocks takes library staff time, does not necessarily guarantee that items are returned or fines paid, and our libraries don’t receive fines funds. A registration block is one of the common blocks that libraries place, and with enrollment down it is counter-intuitive to block students from registering for courses and paying tuition due to minor financial infractions.

Patrons with fines of $25 or more are and will continue to be automatically blocked in Aleph (Alma). Patrons with lost library materials are and will continue to be required to replace or pay for lost items before their library privileges are reinstated.

After discussion among the Chief Librarians, a motion was made and seconded, that: All CUNY Libraries no longer place any service indicators into CUNYFirst.

The Council of Chief Librarians voted in favor of this motion.

Beginning Spring 2020, CUNY library faculty and staff will remove CUNYFirst service indicators and will not apply them in the future*, and will also remove/ignore eSIMS service indicators*.

CUNY libraries may report lost or stolen materials to campus Public Safety and the campus property manager for resolution.

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