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## OPLA Committee Report

### Committee Name:

OPLA Research and Evaluation

### Committee Members:

Alison Clarke, Kelly Bernstein, Andrea Cecchetto, Erika Heesen, Rebecca Hunt, Kim Silk (OLA - Sarah Roberts)

### Date of Last Meeting:

December 7, 2021

### Date of Next Meeting:

OLA Superconference Webinar, Feb 2, 2022

### Summary:

OREC goals for 2021 were to create a suite of data-related tools to assist libraries in planning to go fines-free. All of the tools have been created, and are rolling out winter 21/22.

Access to tools can be found on the OLA website at: <https://accessola.com/fines-free-libraries/>

Tools include:

- Infographic calculating the hidden costs of fines - customizable by libraries as required
- Slide Deck about Fines-Free mythbusting - also customizable by libraries if required
- Video & slide deck showing how to analyze overdues data (to be posted February 2022)
- 2022 Superconference Webinar reviewing tools available and additional context around advocating for fines-free

OREC also began preparatory work for a 2022 survey around resilience and the future of libraries, involving topics that had previously been identified as priorities by the OPLA.

### Budget Requirements

One in-person meeting August 2022 (same budget as last year), pandemic permitting

### Upcoming Events

February 2, 2022, OLA Superconference - Webinar @ 11:15am , and live chat @ 2pm with OREC committee members

### Submitted by:

Alison Clarke

### Date:

Jan 21, 2022