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## LAD Committee Studies Library Fines

The Circulation Services Section of the American Library Association's Library Administration Division has recently announced the formation of new ad hoc Fines and Penalties Committee. The major purpose of the committee is to provide for the formulation of guidelines on the use of fines, penalties and other punitive actions by libraries in the circulation and loan of materials.

The Committee will be meeting several times during the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Chicago and would welcome comments, information, and recommendations on fines and penalties. It is particularly interested in receiving information about studies made on this topic. Such information should be directed to the chairperson of the ad hoc committee, Thomas Alford, Director, Macomb County Library, 21930 Dunham Road, Mt. Clemens, MI 48043.

This newly organized committee had two planning meetings at the ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco which included a review of the preliminary report of the Enoch Pratt Library's lost book committee by Elizabeth Ruffin. Because of the ALA Council's resolution's emphasis on circulation and loan of materials, committee discussion focused on whether guidelines would be of value to all kinds of libraries: public, university, college, school, etc.

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Other members of the new LAD Committee include Richard W. Cruce,  
Edward de Sciora, Verda Hansberry, Carolyn E. Johnson, and David F. Kohl, Jr.

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