

Thank Librarians

To the editor — Citizens of Yakima, please don't kill the messengers and caretakers of our valued treasures in the library.

I have been at fault for years with many others, apparently, in getting my books and tapes returned in a timely fashion. Now the old rule of fines has been reinstated for our benefit so that the items may stay in circulation instead of on someone's home shelf.

Dragging my tail behind me, I was still a few days late this last time and was prepared to apologize. To my surprise, I was thanked profusely. Apparently they have met with a different behavior from many patrons, even bordering on violence.

What is that? Can we not be cordial to the people who care for the thousands of books we are able to borrow instead of having to spend hundreds of dollars to buy books for school research, information and enjoyment?

There is no justification in teaching children to be rude to our public servants. Too bad some of us have really come to believe they are servants!

I publicly apologize and thank all you librarians, lovers of books and education. You all have made my times in the library very enjoyable over the past 40-plus years. Thank you.

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