Waldorf youth guesses date closest to oldest overdue book returned to library

Nearly 3,000 overdue books were returned to the Charles County Public Library during Fine Free Month in April. Almost 250 of those were returned on the last day of the month.

The library branches sponsored an "Overdue Guess Contest." Customers could guess the due date of the oldest overdue book returned to the library during the fine free

That contest was won by Katie

Moffat of Waldorf, who claimed a library book bag, "A History of Charles County," and a variety of books, bookmarks, buttons and other library publications.

The oldest book returned to the Glymont branch in Indian Head was due Feb. 1, 1988; Feb. 27, 1989, was the oldest due date returned at the Bryans Road branch. The P.D. Brown branch in Waldorf had the oldest due date: April 12, 1982, until the final week of the month. Then, the oldest overdue book was returned to the La Plata branch on the last Saturday in April.

"I read about the overdue guess contest," the customer who returned the book told a librarian in the La Plata branch, "and remembered seeing lots of my mother's books in the attic of the home where we now live. I figured there might be some library books there."

A careful check revealed one library book, "Lilly Dache's Glamour Book," orginally due Feb. 5,

1958. "Although library customers probably won't need glamour tips from the fifties, most of the returned overdue books were not quite so out of date," said Linda Gateau, public services liaison.

Beginning May 1, the daily ovedue fine jumped to 10 cents per day for each overdue book. The maximum charge, however, is \$5 - no matter how long the book is

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Waldorf resident Katie Moffat, sitting with her father Bill, guessed the date closest to the oldest overdue book returned during the Charles County Public Library Fine Free Month. The book had been due in 1958.

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