

Implied Answers Answer Key

Model Answers

1. **He was returning overdue books.** (The fact he paid money and received a slip suggests he had late fees.)
2. **To pay a fine for the books.** (The crumpled dollar and coins show a payment transaction.)
3. **The librarian was probably pleased or approving.** (She smiled and nodded, suggesting friendliness or satisfaction.)
4. **It was likely a receipt or record of payment.** (The librarian handed him the slip after scanning and payment.)
5. **Because he "hurried out the door."** (The text explicitly says he hurried, showing urgency.)

Teacher Notes:

- Highlight how every inference is supported by **text clues** (e.g., money + slip = library fine).
- Ask students to point out which exact words in the passage led them to their answer.
- Extension: Have students write one additional "why" or "how" question about the passage and answer it with their own inference.