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Food for Fines at the Library

For two weeks, from December 1st through December 15th, all eight locations of the Northwest Regional Library System will participate in a Food for Fines food drive.

Here's how it works: patrons will get \$1 in current overdue fines waived for each can or package of nonperishable food they bring in. Food items could include peanut butter, jelly, canned soups, canned tuna, canned vegetables, canned fruit, cereal, pasta, etc. We cannot accept glass containers, opened packages, repackaged food, or expired food. Of course, library patrons who do not owe overdue fines are encouraged to bring nonperishable food items for donation as well.

All items will be donated to local organizations who help fight hunger in our communities. The Bay County Public Library and the Springfield Public Library will donate all items collected to the Rescue Mission, the Panama City Beach Public Library will donate all items collected to the Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church Food Pantry, and the Parker Public Library will donate all items collected to the Refuge Assembly of God Food Bank. The Corinne Costin Gibson Memorial Public Library in Port St. Joe will donate all items collected to the Community Resource Center, and the Charles Whitehead Public Library in Wewahitchka will donate all items collected to the Ministerial Association.

"Our goal is to help the people in our communities while at the same time providing our patrons with a charitable way to pay off their overdue fines," said Robin Shader, Library Director.

Food for Fines will waive current overdue fines only. It does not include fees for lost or damaged materials, card replacement fees, printing costs, or credit for future overdue fines.

Please call 522-2100 or your local library branch for more information.

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