



# November 13-27, 2017 Frequently Asked Questions

## **What is Food for Fines?**

Food for Fines is an annual program that allows library patrons to trade one nonperishable food item for one dollar in existing fines on their library account.

## **Which fines/fees are forgiven?**

Only existing overdue fines are eligible for this program.

## **Can all fines be forgiven?**

Existing fines up to \$25.00.

## **What if a patron owes less than \$1 in fines?**

One food item will be accepted to clear their existing fines of less than \$1.

## **Can the library credit an account for future fines?**

No. Food for Fines is only for **EXISTING** fines on a library account.

## **Which fines/fees cannot be forgiven?**

Invoice fees, collection fees, lost or damaged item fees, replacement library card fee, printing fees, flash drives, ear buds, book sale items, other sales items.

## **Which food items are acceptable?**

Unexpired non-perishable food items in cans, boxes, or plastic containers. Glass containers are discouraged. Pet food will be accepted this year.

## **Examples of acceptable items:**

Canned vegetables, boxed dinners, canned juices, canned meats, peanut butter, soups.  
Ramen noodles are acceptable. 4 packages of Ramen noodles equals one dollar in fines.

## **Which food items are not acceptable:**

Perishable food items, soda, candy, gum, items in damaged/rusty/open containers, items without a nutrition label, items with a past due expiration date, homemade or home-canned items.

## **Can patrons donate even if they don't have any fines?**

Yes.

## **Who gets the food?**

Local food banks through distribution by Second Harvest Food Bank.

## **Do we have to keep track of the number of items donated? Yes**