



November 11-25, 2018 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