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Food for Fines Graphic

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Food for Fines: Help yourself by helping others

Library System Director Debra Rhodes Gibson is pleased to announce that the Food for Fines program is currently underway in all St. Johns County libraries and the bookmobiles. An opportunity to eliminate most library fines, Food for Fines will run through Thursday, December 21st. The food items collected will be used to stock the Health and Human Services Food Pantry, providing food for St. Johns County families in need.

It's simple—bring one unexpired, non-perishable food item to the library and $1.00 of library fines will be waived from your record. The more you bring, the more the library will reduce your fines. This fine-reduction program applies only to overdue fines. Fees related to damaged or lost items are not included in the Food for Fines program.

Don't have any fines? That's ok, due to the impact of Hurricanes Matthew and Irma, local residents need more assistance than usual. Your food donations may be dropped off at any St. Johns County Library branch or with one of our Bookmobiles. Join us as we help our community stay #stjohnsstrong and #staugustinestrong.

Last year, over 18,000 food items were delivered to the Health and Human Services Food Pantry right before the holiday season. The Food for Fines program is a great win-win for the citizens of St. Johns County. For more information about this program and other services of the St. Johns County Public Library System, please visit sjcpls.org. With six branch libraries throughout the County, and two traveling bookmobiles, you are sure to find a library close by!

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