

Media Advisory

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Food for Fines at Clarington Public Library: A Holiday Tradition!

November 19, 2012—The Clarington Public Library is pleased to offer Food for Fines for a fourth holiday season in partnership with local food banks, the Salvation Army, St. Vincent De Paul Food Bank and Clarington East Food Bank.

The Library is excited to be making Food for Fines a permanent holiday tradition in the community, holding the food drive every year from December 1st through 15th.

Food for Fines allows Library customers to reduce the amount owed on their accounts while donating to local food banks. For every non-perishable food item donated to a Clarington Public Library branch, your Library will credit your account \$1 of the amount owed in fines. A maximum of \$5 will be credited to an individual's account. Food donations will also be welcomed where no fines are owed. All food collected will be distributed across Clarington.

"The food banks are grateful for the support of our community partners," says Major Roland Murphy, the Community & Family Services Coordinator for the Salvation Army, Bowmanville. "We wish to thank all who contribute to Food for Fines."

Thanks to the generosity of the Clarington community, the Library has been able to donate almost 1,800 food items to local food banks in past years. "We're delighted with the level of participation each year," says Gail Rickard, Clarington Public Library Board Chair. "This food drive is a wonderful way for our customers and the Library to give to those community members in need this holiday season."

To make a donation to the Food for Fines program, please visit one of your Library's branches in Bowmanville, Courtice, Newcastle, or Orono.

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