

Media Advisory

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Clarington Public Library Offers Food for Fines Program for a Third Year!

November 23, 2011—The Clarington Public Library is excited to be continuing its partnership with the Salvation Army, St. Vincent De Paul Food Bank and the Clarington East Food Bank this December in offering its Food for Fines program for a third holiday season!

Food for Fines allows Library customers to reduce the amount owed on their account while giving back to the community and helping those in need. From December 1 to 15, your Library will credit \$1 of the amount owed in fines for every non-perishable food item donated to any Clarington Public Library branch. 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 by local food banks—the Salvation Army and St. Vincent De Paul Food Bank in Bowmanville and the Clarington East Food Bank in Newcastle.

“We are pleased to be working with the three local food banks for another holiday season,” says Gail Rickard, Clarington Public Library Board Chair. “Through the generosity of our customers, the Library donated 620 items of food last year to our community partners, a big increase compared to the previous year. We hope the response continues to grow, and the people of the community and the Library can continue to give back.”

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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