

Media Advisory

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

November 30, 2010—The Clarington Public Library is excited to be partnering with the Salvation Army and the Clarington East Food Bank again this December in offering its Food for Fines program for a second 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 at any Library branch. Up to a maximum of \$5 will be credited to an individual's account. Food donations will also be welcomed if no fines are owed. All food collected will go to local food banks, the Salvation Army in Bowmanville and the Clarington East Food Bank in Newcastle, for distribution across Clarington.

"The generosity of our customers helped the Library to donate close to 340 items of food last year through the Food for Fines program," says Gail Rickard, Clarington Public Library Board Chair. "We hope the response will be even greater this year; it's a great way for us and the people of the community 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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