

Media Advisory

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

November 27, 2013—The Clarington Public Library is proud to offer Food for Fines for a fifth continuous holiday season in partnership with local food banks, the Salvation Army, St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank and Clarington East Food Bank. This year, the food drive will be held from December 1st through 15th.

Food for Fines allows Library members 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, the Library will credit \$1 of the amount owed in fines. A maximum of \$5 will be credited to a member's account. Food donations will also be welcomed where no fines are owed. All food collected will be distributed across Clarington.

"We are so grateful to have supportive community partners and members," says Karen Briden, Coordinator for the Clarington East Food Bank based in Newcastle. "Events like Food for Fines, the CP Holiday Train, and others really help raise awareness of the need right here in our own backyard. Thank you to all who contribute."

Thanks to the generosity of the Clarington community, the Library has been able to donate almost 2,650 food items to local food banks in past years. "It's wonderful to host this program, we're delighted with the community response," says Gail Rickard, Clarington Public Library Board Chair. "This is a great way for our members, and the Library, to give back to the community and help spread some holiday cheer."

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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