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### **Library Offers “Food for Fines” in February**

**New Braunfels, Texas** — The New Braunfels Public Library will offer “Food for Fines” as part of “Love My Library Month” in February. “Food for Fines” is a program that allows patrons to reduce overdue fines by donating unexpired, non-perishable food items. For each item donated, the library will forgive two dollars of overdue fines from an individual library account. The donated food items will be given to the San Antonio Food Bank for distribution to those in need.

Qualifying food items include canned goods, fruit juices, baby foods and formulas, powdered milk, cereals, pasta, rice, beans, tomato sauce, pasta sauce, peanut butter and jelly. Patrons may also donate pet food, which will be given to the Humane Society of New Braunfels.

“‘Food for Fines’ is a nice part of “Love my Library Month” as it provides a way for library patrons to reconnect with their library, restore their membership by reducing overdue fines through a food donation, and help those less fortunate in our community,” said Library Director Gretchen Pruett. “Food banks traditionally have fewer donations after the holidays, so our ‘Food for Fines’ program assists them, as well. This has been a successful program for us and we’re happy to be able to offer it again this year. It helps the community and library patrons who might have difficulty paying fines to regain access to all that the library has to offer.”

Patrons who do not owe fines, but wish to donate non-perishable food items, may do so at the library during the month of February.

For more information about “Food for Fines” call at 830-221-4300.

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