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## Yolo County Library Offers Two Programs, Two Ways to Give Back

(Woodland, CA) – The Yolo County Library is offering residents and library card holders two opportunities to feed and support their communities this holiday season with ‘Food for Fines’ and ‘Pay It Forward.’

The first opportunity is through the Library’s second annual “Food for Fines” program that allows library card holders to clear \$1 from their Yolo County Library overdue fines for each food item donated at the circulation desk of any Yolo County Library location. The program runs November 28 through December 31 and there is no limit to the number of donations or reduction in fines cardholders can receive. Library card holders are welcome to donate even if they do not have any overdue fines.

In Yolo County, one in six people do not know where their next meal will come from, therefore, these donations will help to feed those in need this winter. Donated items will be given to the Yolo Food Bank. Suggested donations include the following:

- Canned tuna or meats
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Canned or dry beans or soup
- Canned or boxed meals
- Cereal, rice or pasta
- Fruit juice or shelf-stable milk
- Peanut butter

The Yolo Food Bank recommends nutritional options such as 100% fruit juices, low-sodium soups and whole grains. The Food Bank will not accept expired items, rusty or unlabeled cans, non-commercial items, alcoholic beverages or mixes, food packaged in glass, or perishable, open, used or homemade items.

The second opportunity is through the Library’s ‘Pay It Forward’ program that allows customers to help library card holders pay off their overdue fines. Customers are welcome to donate and write a message on a star-shaped note that will be posted on a board behind the circulation desk. Individuals without available funds to pay their overdue fines, who may be prevented from borrowing items at the library as a result, can then redeem these Pay It Forward stars to lower their fines. Customers can contribute as little as the change in their pocket and as much as their heart desires to make a difference through this community helping-hand program.

“We hope to support and continue the community spirit of giving,” said Yolo County Librarian Patty Wong. “By donating to a program, we will help feed families and support residents in Yolo County that are in need or may not have enough resources or funds.”

The Yolo County Library supports communities and residents of Yolo County by providing a variety of programs and services that encourage lifelong learning, personal and workforce development and community engagement. For more information about either Yolo County Library program, visit: [www.yolocountylibrary.org](http://www.yolocountylibrary.org) or connect with the Yolo County Library on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/yolocountylibrary.org](http://www.facebook.com/yolocountylibrary.org).

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