

Join the Yolo County Library in its annual “Food for Fines” program that allows library cardholders who donate one food item to clear \$1 from their Yolo County Library overdue fines and also feed the hungry this holiday season.

All Yolo County Library cardholders can donate food from November 20 through December 31 at the circulation desk of any Yolo County Library location. There is no limit to the number of donations and no limit to the reduction in overdue fines cardholders can receive. Library cardholders are welcome to donate even if they do not have any overdue fines.

Items will be donated to the Yolo Food Bank. The Library will not accept noncommercial items, rusty or unlabeled cans, alcoholic beverages or mixes, food packaged in glass, or items that are perishable, expired, open, used or homemade. *Collection and lost/damaged item fees are not included in this program.*

In Yolo County, one in seven people do not know where their next meal will come from and donations can help 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 and will not accept rusty or unlabeled cans, non-commercial items, alcoholic beverages or mixes, food packaged in glass, or perishable, expired, open, used or homemade items.

“Whether or not you have any overdue fines, I hope you will join me in helping the Yolo Food Bank fight hunger and food insecurity,” said Interim County Librarian Chris Crist. “By donating to the program you will help feed families and also make a difference in the lives of the people in our community.”

Last year, the Yolo Food Bank received 4,381 pounds of food from the Library’s “Food for Fines” program that were donated by residents and library cardholders in Yolo County. This year, the goal is to collect 6,000 pounds of donated food.