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Help Feed the Hungry with Food for Fines Program

(Woodland, CA) – Join the Yolo County Library in its annual ‘Food for Fines’ program, which allows library cardholders who donate one food item to clear \$1 from their Yolo County Library overdue fines while feeding the hungry this holiday season.

All Yolo County Library cardholders can donate food from November 4 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 fines cardholders can receive. Everyone is welcome to donate even if they do not have any overdue fines.

In Yolo County, one in five 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. They 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.

“This holiday season, help the Yolo Food Bank fight hunger and food insecurity by donating items at any of our library branches,” said Yolo County Librarian Mark Fink. “By donating to the ‘Food for Fines’ program you will help feed families in need and make a real difference in the lives of those in our community.” Last year, the Yolo Food Bank received 5,760 pounds of food that were donated by residents and library cardholders in Yolo County through the “Food for Fines” program, a 23% increase over the previous year.

For more information about the Yolo County Library or the ‘Food for Fines’ program, visit: www.yolocountylibrary.org or connect with the Yolo County Library on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/yolocountylibrary.org.

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