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Food for Fines

New London, CT - Do you have overdue library books?

The Public Library of New London and the New London Area Food Pantry are proud to announce that patrons can reduce their late fees through the “Food for Fines” Program.

From **September 1st through September 30th**, patrons can pay down their fines by bringing in canned goods and non-perishable items to the Public Library of New London.

For food items donated, fines will be forgiven for library items that have been returned, no matter what the amount of the fine. This does not apply to lost or damaged materials.

“Food for Fines” presents a great opportunity for patrons to give back to the community *and* get their Library record back in good standing. Patrons can then take full advantage of the great materials and programs the Library offers such as Wi-Fi, downloadable books, *New York Times* Bestsellers, magazines, CDs, and DVDs!

The Library is pleased to partner with the New London Area Food Pantry in this effort. The New London Area Food Pantry is a nonprofit food distribution center in operation since 1988 located in the basement of the O.I.C. Building at 106 Truman St., New London.

The Food Pantry can accept the following in **unopened, non-expired** condition:

* Pasta/Sauce	* Corned Beef
* Macaroni & Cheese	* Hot & Cold Cereal
* Soup	* Peanut Butter
* Rice	* Powdered Milk
* Canned Meat Products	* Tuna Fish
* Canned Beans, Vegetables, Fruit	* Soap
* Canned Chili/Stew	* Toilet Paper

Even if patrons don't have fines, the Library will gladly accept items for the Food Pantry.

For more information, call the Library at 860-447-1411