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Food for Fines

Do you have overdue library fines?

It's that time of year again! The annual Food for Fines Drive at the library is back!

The Public Library of New London and the New London Area Food Pantry are working together, settling late fees and helping the community, simultaneously.

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.

Overdue fines will be forgiven with any quantity of food items donated, no matter the amount of the fine. The term 'overdue fines' refers to any library items that have been returned to the library later than the due date and have accrued fines. This program does *not apply* to replacement fees of 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, mobile Hot-Spots, Learning Express Library, Mango Languages, Grant Database, downloadable books, *New York Times* Bestsellers, magazines, CDs, and DVDs, museum passes and more!

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:

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| * 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 do not have fines, the Library will gladly accept items for the Food Pantry.

For more information, call the Library at 860-447-1411 or go to the library's website at www.plnl.org