

Media Advisory

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Help Your Community with Clarington Public Library and Food for Fines

December 10, 2015—Help your Clarington Public Library to make this holiday season special for people in need in the Clarington community, all while reducing your Library fines!

For the seventh continuous year, the Library is offering Food for Fines in partnership with the Salvation Army, the Clarington East Food Bank, and the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank. The campaign began on Tuesday, December 1, and will run until Tuesday, December 15.

The goal for 2015 is to donate over 1,000 items to local food banks, and the Library is asking its members to pitch in and help a family in need. Thanks to the generosity and holiday spirit of the Clarington community, the Library has been able to donate almost 4,000 food items to local food banks over the past six years the campaign has been held.

“It’s important to keep our shelves stocked year-round,” states Major Donette Percy of the Salvation Army. “Initiatives like Food for Fines offer a great reminder for the community to donate, and provide an important and welcome boost to our supplies.”

Food for Fines allows Library members to reduce the amount owed on their accounts while donating to local food banks and helping families in need in their community. For every non-perishable food item donated at any Clarington Public Library branch, the Library will credit \$1 of the amount owed in fines. A maximum of \$5 will be credited to a member’s account. Food donations will also be welcomed where no fines are owed. All food collected will be distributed across Clarington.

To make a donation to the Food for Fines initiative, please visit any of the Library’s branches in Bowmanville, Courtice, Newcastle, or Orono.

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