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Burleson Public Library patrons who owe library fines can get as much as \$30 forgiven between Oct. 26 and Nov. 6 via the library's Food for Fines program.

Instead of digging into their pockets to pay the fines, patrons can search their pantry for food or buy some extra hygiene products, then drop those donations off at the library. The library will donate the Food for Fines program items to Harvest House.

Patrons are asked to bring new, unopened personal hygiene products and nonperishable food items to the library to receive credit of \$1 per item and \$2 per high need item. A maximum of \$30 can be waived.

High need items, as designated by Harvest House, are packages of toilet paper, toothpaste and toothbrushes, bar soap, shampoo and conditioner, razors, feminine hygiene products, deodorant, and laundry soap.

"Food for Fines benefits everyone," Heather Huse, library support services supervisor, said. "This is an excellent way for library patrons to reduce or eliminate fines while helping our community and neighbors."

Fees associated with lost or damaged items, and fines for items belonging to other libraries will not be waived. Only Burleson Public Library overdue fines are eligible for the program. Food for Fines has the potential to reduce some of these charges and bring patrons' accounts back into good standing.

You do not have to have an overdue fine to be involved. Anyone can donate food and hygiene products to the library's Food for Fines program. Donated items may be dropped off at the library, 248 S.W. Johnson Ave., 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Monday-Wednesday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Thursday - Saturday, during the Food for Fines campaign.