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Stark County District Libraries Offer Food Drive Amnesty Program September 22 through October 22

Food for No Fines Helps the Hungry

(Canton, Ohio)-September 9, 2014 –The weeks of September 22-October 22, 2014, is an opportunity for Stark County District Library customers to get a fresh start by returning overdue books and having previously accrued fines removed from their account, as part of the 'Food for No Fines' program. While as of September 2, 2014, fines for overdue items are no longer in effect throughout the Stark County District Library, past fines do remain on the books. Donating nonperishable food items will erase these existing fine balances, while helping the hungry in the area. Charges for lost materials, damages, and collection agency fees remain the responsibility of the customer and will not be removed during this program.

All proceeds will directly impact the hungry in Stark County, as they will be given to the Stark County Hunger Task Force which provides free groceries to 27,000 residents each month. The most needed nonperishable foods are peanut butter, canned meats or fish, canned soup, canned vegetables, canned beef stew or chili, pasta or rice, and cereal. Toiletries and other non-food items such as deodorant, shampoo, laundry detergent, toilet paper, and toothbrushes will also be accepted. Items may be brought to any Stark County Distinct Library locations during regular library hours.

About the Library:

The [Stark County District Library](http://www.thesmartstore.org) is a winner of the [National Medal](#) for library service, is one of the best 100 libraries in the U.S. according to the [HAPLR](#) rating, and is a [Library Journal 5 Star library](#). Its Main Library, nine Branch Libraries, and two Bookmobiles and two Kidmobiles serve 150,000 library card holders. More than 1.4 million people visit the Stark County District Library each year, holdings number 884,000 items, and annual circulation is 3.6 million items. The collection includes books, audio visual materials, and periodicals for all ages. In addition, the Library provides programs and classes for adults, teens, and children, computer and Internet access, a downloadable collection of books and music, genealogy services, traveling collections on Bookmobiles and Kidmobiles, as well as outreach services to shut-ins, nursing homes, and housing units. It is one of the nine largest library systems in the state of Ohio, serving 12 local school districts. For more information, call 330-452-0665 or visit www.thesmartstore.org.

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