



Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library

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Food for Fines to Benefit Local Food Pantry

Clifton Park, NY -- In support of *National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week* (November 14-22), the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library will sponsor its 9th Annual *Food for Fines*. For each *non-perishable, non-expired* food or personal care item brought to the Circulation Desk from Monday, October 26 through Sunday, November 1, the Library will forgive one overdue fine up to \$5 on returned Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library materials. More than one item may be donated per person; for *each* donated item, the overdue fine for *one* returned library item will be forgiven. Amnesty *does not* apply to library materials that have been lost or those belonging to other libraries.

As part of the *Food for Fines* program, the Library will also include a “Random Act of Kindness” component. Patrons without fines who donate a pantry item can have their amnesty applied to another (randomly selected) patron’s account to pay down their fines.

The food and personal care items will be donated to CAPTAIN’s emergency food pantry, Karyl’s Kupboard. For a complete list of suggested basic pantry items or for more information about CAPTAIN, please visit <http://www.captainyfs.org>.

Donations must take place in person during regular library hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-9pm; Friday 9am-6pm; Saturday 9am-5pm; Sunday 12pm-5pm. Previously opened or glass items will not be accepted. No items will be accepted through the book drop.

This public service endeavor is part of a nationwide effort to raise awareness of the problems of hunger and homelessness, here in our community and nationwide. Given the economic climate, our local food pantries are seeing an increased demand for their services and are desperate for donations from the community. For more information about organized food and shelter campaigns, log on to <http://www.nationalhomeless.org> or call the Library at 371-8622 for more information.

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