

Library 'Food for Fines' campaign collects more than 800 pounds of food

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The Food for Fines campaign gave residents the chance to avoid late fines at the library by donating food items instead.

Those taking part received \$20 vouchers which could be put toward fines on materials returned late. The campaign collected 829 pounds of food between Oct. 15 and 21.

"We are humbled and thrilled," said chief librarian Geoff Cannon in a release. "We were hopeful, of course, but could not have imagined the incredible response from our patrons who clearly care about this community."

Every day I would come in and watch the pile of food growing larger."

The idea, which was first



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The Halton Hills Public Library collected more than 800 pounds of food for local food banks during its week-long "Food for Fines" campaign.

proposed by Ward 1 Coun. Michael Albano, allowed residents to donate at both the Acton and Georgetown branches of the library.

"I am very pleased that this initiative was embraced by so many people. Clearly there is not only a need but also recognition that together we can build a better community by supporting one another," said Albano.

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