

Stouffville youths, including hockey players, scouts and guides, help firefighter Kohl McVicar unload a truck full of food at the Whitchurch-Stouffville municipal offices Saturday. They were volunteering during the third annual Mayor's Thanksgiving Family Food Drive. They helped collect a record amount of food and cash. For more, including our view, see editorial on page 6.

Pay off library fines with food

Do you have overdue books, CDs or DVDs from the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library?

If so, you can bring them to the library between Oct. 16 and 22, along with a non-perishable food item donation for the Whitchurch-Stouffville Food Bank and the fine will be waived.

"It's a win all-around. Anything for the food bank, certainly for the people bringing back their items because they're allowed to (once again) be active members in the library and we get the items back," said Carolyn Nordheimer James, CEO of the library.

Fines for overdue items range from 30 cents to \$2 a day. After 60 days, the item is presumed lost and the replacement cost, which varies, along with a \$4 administrative fee is placed on the patron's card and a bill is sent out. The patron's card is not usable until the amount is paid.

Some of those who donate don't even have outstanding fines.

Although Food for Fines takes place two weeks after the Mayor's Thanksgiving Family Food Drive, "we don't think we're taking away from his [event]," she said, noting the drive takes place after Thanksgiving, so it's the perfect time to gear up for Christmas.

The initiative was started seven years ago as part of Ontario Public Library Week, which was created "to increase the awareness libraries play in people's lives," Ms Nordheimer James said.

-Sandra Bolan

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