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Proposal of Food for Fines Drive

In conjunction with National Library Week, April 13-19, EPL would like to hold our **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Food for Fines Drive**. We chose to this week to highlight how the Library contributes to the community at a time of year when food donations tend to be low. The food collected would benefit United Community Concerns Association of Elmhurst. By offering to waive fines, we hope to encourage patrons who have late fees to return to the library and perhaps get some late and lost books back in the process! This small amount of money may be significant to an individual patron who in turn will be encouraged to come back and use the Library's resources. As a bonus, the patron feels good about doing something meaningful for the community.

How will it work? For each nonperishable food donation, we will waive 1 fine, up to a maximum of 5 fines. Only overdue fines will be waived; not lost item fees or collection agency fees. Last year, 45 Elmhurst residents participated in Food for Fines, we waived \$213.15, and we collected over 200 food items.

Respectfully yours,

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