

Food for Fines Program

McMaster University Libraries is currently partnering with the [McMaster Student Union's Food Collective Centre](#) to offer our users a unique alternative to paying your recall or reserve library fine - you can now pay with nonperishable food items. **For every item of nonperishable food item you bring in we will lower your recall or reserve fine by \$5.00.**

Exceptions to the Food for Fines program

1. We cannot accept food for fines that have been declared LOST, it is only for reserve and recall fines. 2. This program is only for fines accrued at Mills and Thode Libraries. Health Sciences Library is not participating.

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What kinds of non-perishable item should I bring?

Protein

- Flaked White/Light Tuna
- Chunk White/Light Tuna
- Canned Chicken
- Other canned meats
- Beans (not urgent)

Fruits & Vegetables

- Pineapple
- Peaches
- Oranges/Mandarins
- Tropical Fruits
- Corn
- Peas

- Carrots
- Mushrooms
- Tomatoes
- Other fruits & vegetables

Dry Pasta

Assorted kinds appreciated, no specific need

Dry Food/Snacks

- Cookies
- Boxed meals (e.g. scalloped potatoes, Uncle Ben's, etc.)
- Granola Bars
- Popcorn
- Other boxed snacks (e.g. bear paws, rice krispie squares, etc.)

Sauces, Spices & Condiments

- Oil
- Ketchup
- Jam/Jelly
- Peanut Butter
- Tomato Sauce
- Sugar
- Salt

Misc.

- Food wrap
- Tea/Coffee

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I have another question about Food for Fines

Q: Do I have to pay my fine with foods?A: No, we are happy to bill your student account and you can pay your fine online via Mosaic.

Q: When do I need to bring the food in? A: Anytime. We will only forgive the fine when you bring in the food.

Q: Which libraries are participating? A: You can drop your Food for Fines off at Mills or Thode Libraries.

Q: Can I donate extra food? A: Sure. The Mac Bread Bin appreciates the generosity.

Q: Can I get a tax receipt? A: No, sorry.

Q: I already have a reserve or recall fine on Mosaic. Can I bring in non-perishable food items to have the fine forgiven from my student account?
A: Unfortunately, we are only able to accept food for current recall or reserve fines.

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