

Food for Fines Program

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McMaster University Libraries is currently partnering with the [McMaster Student Union's Mac Bread Bin](#) to offer our users a unique alternative to paying your recall or reserve library fine - you can pay with nonperishable food items. **For every 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 items that have been declared LOST.
2. This program is only for fines accrued at Mills, Innis, 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.)

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- 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 Innis, Mills or Thode Library.

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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