

Libraries forgive fines with food

UMATILLA COUNTY — Library patrons throughout Umatilla County can donate food to have their overdue charges forgiven during Food for Fines.

During the month of February, libraries within the Umatilla County Special Library District invite people to help support others in need while settling up on their overdue charges at the library. Patrons are encouraged to gather up their overdue materials — books, magazines, DVDs — and make a donation of nonperishable food items. For each item donated, the patron will receive \$1 toward their library fines.

According to a press release from library district Director Heather Estrada, the donation waives library fines only and do not cover lost or damaged items. In addition, she said donated food items must be in original packaging. Glass containers, outdated food and opened items will not be accepted.

All food donations will be distributed to local food banks. For more information, contact Estrada at director@ucslid.org or 541-276-6449.

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