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P R E S S R E L E A S E

New Bedford Library Partners With PACE to Fight Hunger Library Accepting Food Donations In Exchange for Waiver of Overdue Fees

New Bedford, Massachusetts –The New Bedford Free Public Library is now accepting donations of nonperishable food items in exchange for forgiveness of fees from overdue library materials until November 28, 2014. The food collected during the “Food for Fines” program will support the PACE Emergency Food Bank. PACE Emergency Food Bank assists more than 4,000 households per year.

Any library card holder with overdue library materials including books and movies may return those items along with a nonperishable food in exchange for a waiver of their overdue fee. One can or other food item will be accepted for each \$1.00 owed in fines. Used or expired food will not be accepted and donations cannot be used to waive fees for items that have been permanently lost. Upon receipt of the library materials and food, the fines will be dismissed.

Examples of acceptable non-perishable foods include: macaroni, cereal, rice, spaghetti and sauce, macaroni and cheese and canned foods including fish, meats, soups, fruits and vegetables.

Donations will be accepted at the Main Library and the four branches: Lawler, Casa da Saudade, Howland-Green and Wilks. For more information about the Food for Fines Program, please contact the library at (508) 991-6275.

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