

News Release

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Donate Food to Pay Off Your Library Fines

BELOIT, WI – This holiday season, Beloit Public Library is accepting nonperishable food items as credit toward paying down library fines.

The promotion will take place through Saturday, Nov. 30. Patrons will receive \$1 credit toward their fines for each food item donated—up to a maximum of \$10 per day. Donations must be unexpired, undamaged, unopened, and nonperishable.

The library will pass along all donations to Beloit Caritas Community Resource Center, which has provided food and clothing to neighbors in need for more than 40 years. Some items that are needed include:

Fruits:

- Fruits canned in juice
- Unsweetened applesauce
- 100% fruit juice
- Dried fruits (raisins, craisins)

Vegetables:

Canned vegetables (without added salt)

Meat and Beans:

- Canned meats and fish (chicken, ham, beef, tuna, salmon)
- Peanuts and peanut butter
- Beans (canned, baked, or dried)

Dairy:

- Yogurt
- Cheese

Grains:

- Whole-grain, low-sugar cereal
- Whole-grain crackers and popcorn



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• Whole-grain enriched pasta and instant rice

Miscellaneous:

- Spaghetti sauce
- Salsa
- Reduced-sodium broths and soups
- Salad dressings or spreads
- Baby food

Meal Makers:

Boxed meals that can be easily made (ex. Hamburger Helper)

The credit only applies toward late fines. Fees for lost or damaged items are not included in this promotion. For more information, stop in or call (608) 364-2905.

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