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***“Giving is a Treat” Canned Food Drive at the Library  
June 16 to August 17, 2013***

The Mendocino County Library is partnering with local food banks this summer in a canned food drive from June 16th to August 17th. The County Library is joining over 70 other libraries throughout California in the statewide “Acquire a Taste for Giving” campaign. The *Giving is a Treat* food drive will occur during this year’s Summer Reading program, called *Reading is So Delicious*.

During the food drive, the County Library will offer a Food-For-Fines forgiveness: for each non-perishable canned food item brought to any County library, \$2.00 will be subtracted from a patron’s overdue fines. Only non-perishable, unexpired, store-sealed items will be accepted. *No glass, please.*

The overdue book fine forgiveness program serves a two-fold purpose: it will help meet the needs of many hungry members of the community, and customers who have accumulated high fines will be encouraged to continue to use the libraries.

*“Libraries are a vital part of our communities,”* said Mindy Kittay, Director of the Mendocino County Library. *“They are the public education centers of our county, and the place you can turn to for the discovery of ideas, the joy of reading and creating, and the power of information. We are very happy to begin this new program and hope to make it a tradition every year during Summer Reading.”*

Whether or not you have library fines, your contributions to the *Giving is a Treat* food drive are most welcome.

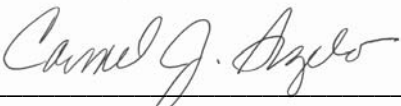
*“We hope the community will use this opportunity to help the libraries, while also reaching out to their neighbors and helping families that are struggling in this poor economy,”* said Dan Hamburg, Chair of the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors.

Canned food items will be accepted at the following locations:

*Ukiah Main Branch Library*  
*Willits Branch Library*  
*Fort Bragg Branch Library*  
*Coast Community Branch Library*  
*Round Valley Public Library*  
*Bookmobile*

*105 N. Main St., Ukiah*  
*390 E. Commercial St., Willits*  
*499 Laurel St., Fort Bragg*  
*225 Main St., Point Arena*  
*23925 Howard St., Covelo*  
*Call 459-7850 for location schedule*

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