Food for Fines

Adopt Resolution Authorizing the San Bruno Public Library to Participate in Food for Fines Program

City Council
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Community Services Superintendent
Program Background

• Waive Overdue Fines in Exchange for Donation of Non-Perishable Food for the Betterment of the Community
• Would be Conducted November 1 - December 31
• Lost or Damaged Items not Eligible
Participating Public Libraries

Atherton  
Belmont  
Brisbane  
Burlingame  
Daly City  
East Palo Alto  
Foster City  
Half Moon Bay  
Millbrae  
Pacifica  
Portola Valley  
Redwood City  
San Carlos  
San Mateo  
South San Francisco  
Woodside  

Non-Participating Public Libraries

Menlo Park  
San Bruno
Program Benefits

• Patrons Clear Overdue Fines
• Patrons Owing More Than $15 Can no Longer Check Out, but Fines Continue to Accrue. Program Would Provide Opportunity to Begin Checking Out Again.
• Overdue Library Items Returned and Made Available to the Community
• Provide Food to Those in Need in Our Community
2017 Program Results from San Mateo County Libraries

• 36,531 Pounds of Food Collected
• 4,199 Library Accounts Cleared
• $56,403 in Overdue Fines Waived
• $13.70 Average Fine Waived per Account
• 8.70 Pounds of Food per Account
San Bruno Library
Anticipated Results

• $1700 - $2400 in Overdue Fines Waived
• 125 - 175 Patron Accounts Cleared
• 1000 - 1500 Pounds of Food Collected for the Holiday Season