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Halton Hills Makes Public Library's Food 4 Fines Campaign a Winner

Library's inaugural food drive brought in 829 lbs of food for local food banks

HALTON HILLS, ON – Libraries have long been community hubs for learning and technology and now 'food drive champion' can be added to the descriptor. During Ontario Public Library Week, October 15 – 21, the Halton Hills Public Library launched the 'Food 4 Fines' campaign, bringing in an incredible, 829 lbs of food. Donors received fine waivers valued up to \$20 for overdue materials.

Councillor Albano, who brought the idea to the Library, said "I am very pleased that this initiative was embraced by so many people. Clearly there is not only a need but also recognition that together we can build a better community by supporting one another."

"We are humbled and thrilled," said Chief Librarian Geoff Cannon. "We were hopeful, of course, but could not have imagined the incredible response from our patrons who clearly care about this community. Every day I would come in and watch the pile of food growing larger."

Food donations were received at both of the library's branches in Acton and Georgetown filling collection vans to the brim. Letters of thanks were received from the Acton Food Share and Georgetown Bread Basket who will distribute the food to families in need.

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About the Halton Hills Public Library

The Halton Hills Public Library (HHPL) provides free access to best-selling books, eBooks and eReaders, newly released DVDs, CDs and more. Professionally-trained Library staff go beyond Google in the search for information. Every week, approximately 2,220 people come through the Library's doors, in addition to the more than 3,000 who visit electronically. For more information on programs, services, hours of operation and access to the online catalogue, visit www.hhpl.on.ca.

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