

To: Mayor Robinson and City Council

From: Justin Padgett, Library Director

Subject: Food for Fines

Date: May 13, 2014

BACKGROUND

On Monday May 12, 2014 the library board approved to proceed with a cooperative program between the Cannon Falls Food Shelf and the Cannon Falls Library. The program would exchange a non-perishable food item for every \$1.00 in overdue library material fines and cap the total at \$10. The Library estimates a yearly revenue of \$8,000 dollars in collected fines/fees/and lost materials. After consulting with other library directors, the program has little impact to expected fine revenue source. Often patrons will bring in food items and pay the overdue fines as well. Lost material fees would not apply to this program. By cooperating with our local food shelf, funding normally associated with late material fees would still flow directly back into the community in the form of much needed non-perishable food items. This partnership between the library and the food shelf would be a great added opportunity for our citizens to actively engage each other in fostering community goodwill.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve the use of a non-perishable food item to be exchanged for \$1.00 in overdue library material fees, not to exceed \$10, in support of the local food shelf; duration not to exceed one month out of the calendar year.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

Motion and approval to amend the library's revenue budget to accommodate a cooperative program between the library and the Cannon Falls Food Shelf.