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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **SWAP 'FOOD FOR FINES' AT FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY** *Reduce your fines and help feed those in need!*

Abbotsford, BC – Lower your library fines and help feed those in need! From November 12 to December 10, you can “pay” your fines with food. It’s simple – bring non-perishable food items to any Fraser Valley Regional Library location and have your fines reduced. One food item equals \$2 in fines, and up to \$30 of fines owed per library account can be waived during the Food for Fines campaign. All items collected will be donated to the local food bank.

“FVRL strives to continually build meaningful partnership with various local community agencies,” says Rob O’Brennan, FVRL’s CEO. “This particular collaboration is a great way for our customers to reduce or eliminate their overdue fines, and provide much needed donations to our local food banks.”

Only commercially packaged, undamaged and unexpired food items will be accepted. Local pantries are especially in need of: pasta and pasta sauce; canned meats/fruits/vegetables; cold cereals; baby food; peanut butter and jam; rice, flour, sugar, oats (in 1 kg bags); Boost and Ensure; soups and stews.

For more information, please visit [www.fvrl.ca](http://www.fvrl.ca) or your nearest FVRL location. Connect with FVRL online 24/7 through Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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**ABOUT FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY**

Fraser Valley Regional Library is the largest public library system in British Columbia, with 25 community libraries serving over 700,000 people in its service area. Established in 1930, it is funded with taxes raised in the community it serves, plus a Government of BC operating grant. The governing Board consists of elected officials representing 15 member municipalities and regional districts. With its mission "to connect people to the world of information and ideas," FVRL plays a prominent role in the communities throughout the Fraser Valley.

## **FVRL MEMBER LIBRARIES**

<i>Abbotsford Community</i>	<i>Agassiz</i>	<i>Aldergrove</i>
<i>Boston Bar</i>	<i>Brookwood</i>	<i>Chilliwack</i>
<i>Clearbrook</i>	<i>Fort Langley</i>	<i>George Mackie</i>
<i>Hope</i>	<i>Ladner Pioneer</i>	<i>City of Langley</i>
<i>Maple Ridge</i>	<i>Mission</i>	<i>Mount Lehman</i>
<i>Muriel Arnason</i>	<i>Murrayville</i>	<i>Pitt Meadows</i>
<i>Sardis</i>	<i>Tsawwassen</i>	<i>Terry Fox</i>
<i>Walnut Grove</i>	<i>White Rock</i>	<i>Yale</i>
<i>Yarrow</i>		

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