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**Portsmouth Public Library Accepting “Food for Fines”  
November 7th through November 19th**

Portsmouth Public Library is reaching out to the community as they announce that they will be accepting non-perishable food items in lieu of patron fines from Monday, November 7th through Saturday, November 19th. All food items collected will be donated to the Oasis Social Ministry Food Pantry here in Portsmouth.

For every non-expired, non-perishable food item brought in, \$1 will be subtracted from overdue fines. Please note, food items will not be accepted as payment for lost item fees, processing fees, lost card fees, non-resident fees, and other fees.

“The “Food for Fines” program is a great way for patrons to get their library cards in good standing while helping others,” said Director of Libraries Todd Elliott. “Library patrons are invited to use this opportunity to pay overdue fines by making a donation that will benefit the less fortunate right here in Portsmouth. Even if you don’t have fines, the library will gladly accept donated items for the food pantry,” Elliott added.

For more information, call 393-8501.

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