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Subject: North Olympic Library System's Fine Amnesty Program a Community Success!
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The recent *Food for Fines* amnesty program at the North Olympic Library System was a win-win-win for the local community! Hundreds of pounds of donated food and other much-needed resources were collected and given to local nonprofits; important community ties were strengthened; and library users were able to reduce their fines, clear their accounts, and renew access to library resources.

The Library turned over all donations to local resource groups including: Clallam Bay's New Hope Food Bank, the Forks Community Food Bank, Sequim Food Bank, Port Angeles Food Bank, Serenity House, Healthy Families, First Step Family Support, and Olympic Peninsula Humane Society. During the two week program, 371 NOLS library cardholders donated over 1700 pounds of supplies, including food, diapers, and pet food. In return, library staff will now see some long-lost library users come through the doors - people who might not have been utilizing library resources because they owed fines on overdue materials. NOLS thanks everyone who donated generously to support this community project, including the many library visitors who brought in donations even though they had no fines to clear!

NOLS *Food for Fines* amnesty program advances one of the Library's strategic initiatives by developing collaborative relationships and engaging with community partners to connect community resources to community needs.

The Port Angeles Main Library is located at 2210 South Peabody. The Sequim Branch Library is located at 630 North Sequim Avenue. The Forks Branch Library is located at 171 South Forks Avenue. The Clallam Bay Branch Library is located at 16990 Highway 112. The Library is always open at www.nols.org.



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