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Library Celebrates National Library Week with Food for Fines

COVINGTON, LA - St. Tammany Parish Library is celebrating **National Library Week** this week with the agency's successful patron donation program, *Food for Fines*. This event allows library patrons the opportunity to donate non-perishable food items to local food banks. Each item donated will earn the patron \$1 of fee forgiveness. Fees that can be waived also include lost item fees. As with past Food for Fines events, the library will also waive the cost of replacement library cards during this time. This event will run from April 23 to May 6.

The beneficiaries of this food drive are the Northshore Food Bank, First Baptist Church of Slidell Food Pantry and the Samaritan Center.

National Library Week is an annual celebration highlighting the importance of libraries, librarians and library workers. This year's theme is "*There's More to the Story.*" Libraries provide more than books and St. Tammany Parish Library has been actively reminding patrons and residents of all the extras most don't realize the library offers. The library provides mountains of entertainment and educational materials, from online databases and collections to in-person events that promote community involvement and continuous learning. All events and collections can be found on the library website, sttammanylibrary.org. There is always an event or class happening at the library – if you haven't been to the library recently, it's time to check it out!

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The St. Tammany Parish Library has been serving the citizens of St. Tammany Parish for nearly seventy years. Our twelve branches offer over 542,000 loanable items including books, CDs, DVDs, audiobooks, and magazines. The library's website offers 24/7 access to downloadable audio and e-books, music downloads, research tools, magazines, and newspapers. Our programs and services are designed to meet residents' cultural, informational, educational, and recreational needs.