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## ST. TAMMANY PARISH LIBRARY CELEBRATES NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK WITH FOOD FOR FINES

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH** – St. Tammany Parish Library's highly successful and beloved program, Food for Fines, will return next week starting April 8 through April 20 in celebration of National Library Week. As with past Food for Fines programs, the Library will accept one nonperishable food donation for \$1 off fines.

In addition to collecting food for local food banks such as the Northshore Food Bank, First Baptist Church of Slidell Food Pantry and the Samaritan Center, the Library will also be accepting canned pet food donations for pet owners in need. The pet food donations will be distributed to the St. Tammany Parish Department of Animal Services to fill their public Pet Food Pantry on their property. Staff at the shelter have stated that several pet owners have decided to keep their pet, solely because they were able to use the pantry during tough times.

All donations will be credited the same, one item for \$1, to be used on fees, fines and the cost of lost items. All replacement library cards will also be free during Food for Fines, no donation is needed.

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The St. Tammany Parish Library has been serving the citizens of St. Tammany Parish for over 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.