

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: March 7, 2016

SUBJECT: Food for Fines Amnesty Campaign

PRESENTER: Trina Rushing, Library Director

ATTACHMENTS: No

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Since 1958, National Library Week has been observed each April by libraries across the country. This year's observation will be held April 10-16 across our library system. Our focus throughout this weeklong event will be to promote the use and support of library services to both current and prospective library card holders.

Library staff is proposing the launch of a Food for Fines amnesty campaign, to be held annually during National Library Week. This amnesty campaign will provide opportunity for library patrons to donate canned or non-perishable food items in exchange for fine forgiveness. One unit of donated food will waive up to \$1 of overdue fines on one account. Please note that Food for Fines will not apply to lost/damaged items or collection agency fees – only fines associated with overdue materials. Collected food items will be distributed to Henderson County food pantries.

A Food for Fines amnesty campaign will encourage delinquent library patrons to once again become patrons in good standing, which will in turn benefit our local community.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Library staff requests the Board approve an annual Food for Fines amnesty campaign to be held annually during National Library Week.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move that the Board approves the annual Food for Fines amnesty campaign as presented by library staff.