21	**AGENDA ITEM** **ST. JOHNS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**
	Deadline for Submission - Wednesday 9 a.m. – Thirteen Days Prior to BCC Meeting

11/3/2026

BCC MEETING DATE

TO: **Joy Andrews, County Administrator** **DATE:** **September 15, 2026**

FROM: **Debra Rhodes Gibson, Library Director** **PHONE:** **904 827-6926**

SUBJECT OR TITLE: **Library Annual Food For Fines Program 2026**

AGENDA TYPE: **Consent Agenda, Resolution**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Library Dept. has recognized a Food for Fines program during the holiday season since 2009. The program offers library patrons a way to lower or eliminate their library fines, while providing much-needed assistance to the Health and Human Services Food Pantry through the collection of non-perishable food items. The donation of one item of non-perishable food removes $2.00 of fines from the patron's library card. The 2026 program will run from November 16 through December 19, 2026. Previous OMB computations yield that the cost to the County in 2026 will not exceed $6,000.00. In 2025, over 2,500 food items were delivered to HHS with a total waiver of $4,298.89.

1. IS FUNDING REQUIRED? No **2. IF YES, INDICATE IF BUDGETED.** No

IF FUNDING IS REQUIRED, MANDATORY OMB REVIEW IS REQUIRED:

INDICATE FUNDING SOURCE:

SUGGESTED MOTION/RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:

Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-_____, approving the waiving of library fines through the collection of non-perishable food items during the 2026 Library Food for Fines program.

For Administration Use Only:
Legal: Jalisa Ferguson 10/16/2026 **OMB: ARM 10/16/2026** **Admin: Brad Bradley 10/21/2026**

RESOLUTION 2026 - ____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE WAIVING OF LIBRARY FINES THROUGH THE COLLECTION OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS DURING THE 2026 LIBRARY FOOD FOR FINES PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the St. Johns County Public Library System programs and activities operate through the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Food for Fines program offers library patrons a way to lower or eliminate their library fines; and

WHEREAS, all food items collected will stock the Health and Human Services Food Pantry, providing food for St. Johns County families in need; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 campaign will run from November 16 through December 19, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated waived library revenues shall not exceed $6,000.00.

NOW. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, that:

1. The above recitals are hereby adopted as legislative findings of fact and incorporated herein.

2. To the extent there are typographical or administrative errors that do not change the tone, tenor, or concept of this Resolution, this Resolution may be revised without subsequent approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, State of Florida, this 11th day of November 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Clay Murphy, Chair

ATTEST: Brandon J. Patty, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller

By: _____
Deputy Clerk