



Copper Queen Library hosts Food for Fines drive

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BISBEE — Have library fees? Library privileges close to being revoked? Well, there is one way to take care of the task before the year's end.

In the spirit of giving, residents have a chance to get out of debt — at least when it comes to overdue books.

Each donated can or box of nonperishable food equals \$1 toward the individual's fees.

"This is a great way for someone who doesn't have the means to take care of their account," said Jason Macoviak, the library's manager.

According to Alison Williams, the library's program coordinator, 100 percent of the donations will go toward Bisbee Fire Department's Christmas food basket drive,

"We had to modify the city's charter to account for each person paying their library fines using their donations. We are planning to make this an annual event," she said.

Macoviak added that anyone — regardless of having late library fees or not — can participate.

"We started this (effort) one week ago and the response has been amazing," he said. "We encourage everyone to participate."

Items or monetary donations will be accepted through Dec. 22.

A holiday party hosted by the Friends of the Copper Queen Library will be Dec. 14 from noon to 2 p.m. inside the library's meeting room.

"We will have a presentation of the donations we have so far and give them to the (fire) department," Williams said.

For more information, call 520-432-4232.