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Area Libraries Collect 2,484 Food Items for Local Charities

The Northwest Regional Library System collected 2,484 nonperishable food items for local charities during their recent Food for Fines food drive which ended this week. During the food drive, patrons received \$1 in current overdue fines waived for each can or package of nonperishable food they brought in. Many patrons donated food even though they didn't owe any fines.

All items were donated to local organizations who help fight hunger in our communities.

- The Bay County Public Library and the Springfield Public Library collected 1,329 items for the Panama City Rescue Mission.
- The Panama City Beach Public Library collected 577 items for the Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church Food Pantry.
- The Parker Public Library collected 37 items for the Refuge Assembly of God Food Bank.
- The Corinne Costin Gibson Memorial Public Library in Port St. Joe collected 61 items for the Community Resource Center.
- The Charles Whitehead Public Library in Wewahitchka collected 104 items for the Ministerial Association.
- The Harrell Memorial Public Library in Bristol and the Jimmy Weaver Memorial Library in Hosford collected 374 items for Farm Share.

The Northwest Regional Library System has eight locations in Bay, Gulf, and Liberty Counties. For more information, please call 850-522-2100 or visit www.nwrls.com.

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