



## **PALM SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY** — For Immediate Release —

### **Donate Food and Receive Fine Forgiveness at the Palm Springs Public Library during the Month of November.**

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It's that time of year again when the Library allows our customers to donate food to clear some fines; helping our customers as they help others! November is **Fine Forgiveness month** at the **Palm Springs Public Library**. Beginning November 1<sup>st</sup> and continuing through the end of the month at the main library only, the Library will forgive outstanding fines up to \$50 (if not in collection process) **in exchange for nonperishable food items** which will all be donated to **The Community Food Bank @ The Center**, in Palm Springs.

Each nonperishable, non-expired food item donated qualifies for \$1.00 off your fines. Anyone who wishes to participate must come into the Library in-person to have any fines or fees forgiven; the customer service staff will forgive fines in exchange for a food donation. The fines must have been accumulated PRIOR to November 2017; new fines accumulated in November 2017 are not eligible. Any lost items must still be returned or the replacement fee still applies.

The Community Food bank appreciates the donations but does have some restrictions and requests. It is best not to donate bulk quantities of rice, flour, or sugar, the Food Bank does not have the repackaging facilities or have the licensing needed to properly distribute such items. They also ask that you avoid donating items packaged in glass due to breakage concerns. Frequently



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needed items include canned food items ( carrots, corn, and fruit), peanut butter, tuna and canned meats, healthy soups (low sodium preferred) and cereal (low sugar preferred), as well as pastas, brown rice, whole wheat bread and healthy crackers.

Of course you don't need to have a fine to donate, all donations are appreciated. So please help us 'gobble up' fines this holiday season; helping others and yourself!

The LGBT Community Center of the Desert (a.k.a. "The Center") is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is creating a vibrant community. The Center provides a safe and supportive environment for members to enjoy health, wellness, educational and social programs, where people of all ages and backgrounds are welcome.

Since 2008, The Community Food Bank @ The Center has been providing fresh produce, baked goods, meat, canned goods, dairy and more to low-income Riverside County residents in need of food assistance. Every Thursday evening all year long, they host a clean, safe and accessible food bank that provides FREE groceries for up to 275 households each week.

With over 100,000 individual items, plus downloadable eBooks, music and eMagazines, the Palm Springs Public Library offers a varied and comprehensive collection to the community. The Library is located at 300 S. Sunrise Way, on the corner of Sunrise Way and Baristo Road. For more information about the Library call 760-322-READ (7323) or log on to [www.palmspringslibrary.org](http://www.palmspringslibrary.org). Download our *Palm Springs Library* mobile app; follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and Instagram.

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