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St. Mary's County Library collects food for Food Bank

St. Mary's County Libraries are currently collecting food for the Southern Maryland Food Bank. Residents are invited to drop non-perishable food items in the boxes set up at each branch when they visit the libraries.

According to Brenda Di Carlo of the Southern Maryland Food Bank, donations slow down after the holidays and they have a great need for donations during the first two months of the year. The libraries will continue the collection through the end of February.

"Because our libraries are so conveniently located and visited by so many of our county residents, we are hoping that our participation will increase the amount of food collected," states Library Director Kathleen Reif. "During this economic downturn, our libraries have become even busier, providing a vital resource for many of our residents whether it is searching for a job, borrowing items, or using the Internet."

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