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ROCK HILL, S.C. - Winthrop University students and others showed their generosity this holiday season by contributing more than 1,000 pounds of food items to the Food for Fines program at the Ida Jane Dacus Library.

The fourth annual "Food for Fines" drive lasted from Nov. 8 through Dec. 10. Patrons turned in overdue books along with nonperishable food items instead of paying fines.

"The last few days the food really started pouring in," said Linda Walrod, library technical assistant.

The library collected 1,006 pounds of food, which was then given to Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina. It serves residents in 16 counties in North and South Carolina, including almost 80,000 children and 30,000 seniors.

The library’s food drive brought in 650 pounds of food in 2003, 1,992 pounds in 2004 and 894 pounds in 2005. For more information, contact Walrod at 803/323-2263 or 803/323-4502.

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