

Solidarity reading: food to avoid library fines

LOCATION: Granada

DURATION: 1'27"

SUMMARY: One kilogram of non-perishable food if you return a book to the library after the deadline. This is the original idea which has been put into practice in the Híjar-Las Gabias Library in Granada, so users can enjoy their books longer helping people with fewer resources at the same time.

VTR:

In this library, when you return a book after the deadline, you can avoid fines with just giving one kilogram of non-perishable food. It is located in Las Gabias, a village in Granada; and Ruth, the librarian, promoted this idea.

Ruth Galindo
Librarian

"The user can keep borrowing books and those who are in need have something to eat. It's a way to help."

The village is excited about this idea and even the most punctual users are bringing food to the library.

"Despite you return the book in time you can contribute with a good cause by bringing food to people."

"Full of solidarity and original. I haven't seen it in any other library."

Users

"I think it is a very good initiative because the fine consisting on not being allowed to borrow more books was useless; so bringing food is fine."

"I think it is great, because it is a solidarity initiative."

The city council is offering assistance to 250 families who are in need. The collected food is an extra supply for the local food bank.

María Belén Rodríguez
Social assistant

"We are in communication and when she has a large batch, I come here and collect the food."

A system that soon may be implanted in other libraries in Andalusia. Ruth has already collected 200 kilograms of food. Users make a gesture of solidarity and can continue reading their books a little longer.

For more information or support please call +34 662 369 820 or email info@andalusianstories.com