**Thank you for signing up for Battle of the Businesses!**

The Saline County Library has run an annual food drive to fill our pantry and serve our community for a while now. Thank you for joining us as we try out something new this year! We’re hoping to have a lot of fun, and accomplish a great act of charity in restocking our community pantries in Benton, Bryant, and East End. This wouldn’t be possible without your help!

**Can you recap me on what Battle of the Businesses (BOB) is?**

Starting November 12th and going through November 30th, we are asking businesses to place donation boxes in their buildings or lobbies and encourage customers and staff to help us fill the libaries 3 pantry boxes. Restocking our community pantries in Benton, Bryant, and East End in a judgment-free, no-questions-asked environment is incredibly important to us!

Other than getting to keep the awesome Golden Heart Belt until our next annual drive and bragging rights, your business will also receive mentions through the library social media (over 13,000 Facebook followers), email newsletter in December (sent to over 21,000 patrons), and signage displayed at the library through January 31st.

**First Place Winner Prizes:**

* Golden Heart Belt
* Mentions on Library social media in December
* Mentions on Library email newsletter for December
* Signage at the library from December 1 – January 31.

➡️ If you have any questions, please check the next page for our frequently asked questions. If it’s not addressed there, don’t hesitate to ask Kari Lapp ([karil@salinecountylibrary.org](mailto:karil@salinecountylibrary.org)) or Laura Martin ([lauram@salinecountylibrary.org](mailto:lauram@salinecountylibrary.org)). We look forward to partnering with you for another great library event!

**FAQ:**

**What should I do when my box is full?**

Please turn in your box when it is full and pick up another.

**Where can I turn in my donations?**

You can turn in your donations at any Saline County Library Benton branch, located at 1800 Smithers Drive. Hours of operation are Monday – Thursday 9 AM – 7 PM and Friday – Saturday 9 AM – 4 PM. Please make sure have your business name on the donation and let the desk know at drop off it for Battle of the Businesses for Kari Lapp.

**What donations should I accept from my customers?**

Please refer to our “Items in Need” guide for the full list of items we’re looking to restock are. Some of the items we need include:

* Cereal
* Granola bars
* Instant oatmeal
* Toaster pastries
* Peanut butter
* Meal entrees (hamburger helper, pasta skillet meals)
* Instant rice
* Juice boxes
* Water
* *And more!*

**How do I know if I should reject a donation?**

Please do not accept any food items that are open, or any food that has an expired date on it. We also cannot accept refrigerated / perishable foods.

**What should I do with rejected donations?**

Please dispose of any donations that are unacceptable.

**How do I advertise this program to my customers?**

Please refer to your Battle of the Businesses Welcome Packet for instructions on how to advertise this event on your social media. The packet also includes a digital flyer which you can print out and display in your storefront. You may also make your own graphics.

**Can I accept monetary donations?**

The library cannot accept monetary donations for this purpose as we cannot purchase items for the community pantries. If you wish to accept monetary donations, we suggest you use that money to purchase needed items to add to your donations box.

**How are donations counted?**

Donations will be counted by the number of items. This means the quantity in each box. For example, if a box of granola bars has 10 bars, that will count as 10 items.