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COMMUNITY PANTRIES AVAILABLE IN CITY OF BUFFALO LIBRARIES

The Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries located in the City of Buffalo have created Community Pantries where neighbors can help neighbors with donations of non-perishable food items, paper goods, and dental and other hygiene products. According to results of the 2020 US Census, Buffalo is ranked as the third-poorest city in the nation, which is the primary reason city branches now have dedicated shelving with a variety of free personal products.

TAKE: Patrons can take what they need. Goods available are on a first come basis. Library staff can also assist patrons who have questions about housing, health and wellness, education, community resources, employment, and other personal care needs.

GIVE: Donations in any size (unexpired, unopened and in good condition) may be placed on the Pantry shelves at any time during Library operating hours. Examples of needed goods include: canned foods, breakfast cereals, shelf stable meals, granola and protein bars, powdered milk, shampoo and conditioner, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, menstruation products, toilet paper, paper towels, diapers and wipes.

Library Community Pantry locations in Buffalo can be found at:

[Downtown Central Library](#), 1 Lafayette Square
[Dudley Branch Library](#), 2010 South Park Avenue
[East Clinton Branch Library](#), 1929 East Clinton Street
[Elaine M. Panty Branch Library](#), 820 Tonawanda Street
[Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Library](#), 1324 Jefferson Avenue
[Leroy R. Coles, Jr. Branch Library](#), 1187 East Delavan Avenue
and [North Park Branch Library](#), 975 Hertel Avenue.

The Crane and Isaías González-Soto Branch Libraries will offer Community Pantries when they reopen following building renovation projects.

Thank you for helping our neighbors! No gift is too small and your generosity will be appreciated!

For further information, call 716-858-8900 or www.BuffaloLib.org.