LITTLE FREE PANTRY

In an effort to help alleviate local food insecurity, the Library has established a Little Free Pantry inside the building across from the Meeting Rooms on the first floor. The small, free food pantry includes nonperishable, unexpired food items and goods. Items in the pantry are available to anyone in need.



WHAT IS A LITTLE FREE PANTRY?

Jessica McClard launched the grassroots mini pantry movement in May 2016 in Fayetteville, AR, when she planted the Little Free Pantry Pilot, a wooden box on a post containing food, personal care, and paper items accessible to everyone all the time, no questions asked.

She hoped her spin on the Little Free Library® concept would pique local awareness of food insecurity while creating a space for neighbors to help meet neighborhood food needs.

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Library Hours

Mon.-Thurs.

9am - 9pm

Fri. 9am - 6pm

Sat. 9am - 5pm

Sun. 12 - 5pm

ELA PUBLIC LIBRARY'S LITTLE FREE PANTRY



Take what you need; give what you can.











HOW CAN YOU HELP?

If you would like to donate supplies, please drop them off in the bin located in the vestibule on the first floor during library hours. Please do not place donations on the shelf in the pantry area.



FOOD MUST BE:

- Individually wrapped or in unopened containers
- ✓ Labeled
- ✓ Nonperishable
- ✓ Store bought and packaged
- ✓ Undented canned goods (pop-tops preferred)
- ✓ Unexpired

ACCEPTABLE NONPERISHABLE DONATIONS:

- ✓ Baby Diapers/Wipes
- √ Baby Formula
- ✓ Can Openers
- Clean, plastic containers for food storage or eating, wrapped or in baggies
- Clean, plastic, disposable eating utensils wrapped or in baggies
- ✓ Deodorant
- ✓ Depends/Attends
- ✓ Feminine Hygiene Products
- ✓ Laundry Detergent
- ✓ Packaged, Store-bought Bed Sheets (all sizes)
- ✓ Pet Food
- ✓ Shampoo
- √ Soap (liquid or bar)
- ✓ Toothbrushes
- ✓ Toothpaste

ACCEPTABLE FOOD DONATIONS:

- Bottled Condiments
- ✓ Broth (meat, vegetable)
- ✓ Canned Beans, Canned Hash
- ✓ Canned Meat, Canned Pasta
- ✓ Canned Stews
- ✓ Canned Vegetables
- ✓ Cereal (boxes, bags or cups)
- ✓ Cooking Oil, Spices
- ✓ Crackers, Dried Fruit
- ✓ Gelatin, Pudding
- ✓ Instant Mashed Potatoes, Rice
- ✓ Jelly, Peanut Butter
- ✓ Jerky or Pepperoni
- ✓ Mac N Cheese
- ✓ Nuts, Oatmeal, Applesauce
- ✓ Pancake Mix (add-water only)
- ✓ Pasta (boxes or bags)
- ✓ Pasta Sauce
- ✓ Powdered Milk
- ✓ Preserved Fruit (cups or cans)
- ✓ Snack Bars, Toaster Pastries
- ✓ Soup, Stove Top Stuffing