

Gwinnett County Public Library Food Pantry

The Norcross branch of GCPL now has a food pantry to provide opportunities to access food and other critical resources at no cost for members of our community struggling with food insecurity. The Food Pantry is an additional support to other resources and ministries in our area. The pantry is accessible to anyone during operating hours at the library. The Norcross branch is the second branch to open a pantry in Gwinnett. The first location is in Buford and has been up and running for well over a year. They have found that the people who utilize the pantry the most are senior citizens, which is not what they had expected.

Norcross First partners with Perimeter church to supply and stock the pantry. We are grateful that our congregation continues to donate food for this worthy endeavor. The donation bin is located outside the Fellowship Hall kitchen. Volunteers are needed to help organize our storage area for the food and to take food to the library - please contact Shelley Carr at **shelleycarr91@gmail.com** for details.

The items that are needed for the pantry are very specific so please do not substitute or add additional items that are not included below because they will not be helpful and possibly not allowed. It is also important for your donations to not be expired, so please check the dates. All cans MUST be pop top cans. The pantry foods should be meal replacements and not snack items as much as possible. There is also an emphasis on proteins over carbs. If you have any questions regarding items that are not on the list, please contact Shelley Carr.

Here is the approved list of items needed:

Shelf Stable Items:

Macaroni and cheese cups

Rice a Roni individual cups

Cup of Soup (like ramen)

Chef Boyardee Cups Oatmeal cups

Oatmeal cups

Granola/cereal /protein bars

Cheese and peanut butter crackers

Ritz crackers (individual sleeves)

Tuna pouches or sets with crackers (chicken also)

Snack packs of pudding (calcium good)

Apple sauce or pureed fruit pouches