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Clackamas Bookshelf showers books on Gladstone

In its largest ever one-day donation, the Clackamas Bookshelf this week delivered 1,010 books to students in Gladstone – ten books for each student served by the Backpack Buddies program.

“We won’t need to remind these kids to read over Thanksgiving break,” said Principal Wendy Wilson. “They’re already diving in!”

Katy Preston, leader of the Gladstone-based non-profit, said research in 42 nations shows that the more books a child has in the home, the better their odds of success in school.

To contribute to the Clackamas Bookshelf, which provides books to low-income children across Clackamas County, visit <http://www.theclackamasbookshelf.org/>

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Food and toy donations needed; Burgerville night to raise funds

To bring comfort and joy to Gladstone families, a coalition of local organizations is joining forces to gather donations of toys and non-perishable foods. Partners in the effort include the Gladstone Fire Department, Kiwanis, Rotary, and Gladstone Schools.

Donation barrels have been placed in the following locations:

Baskin Robbins Gladstone Nissan	Gladstone Public Library	Somerset Lodge & Somerset Assisted Living	The Ram [Clackamas Town Center]
Burgerville	Gladstone High School	Vogies Bar & Grill	Gladstone Fire Department
Crossroads Coffee	Latus Motors	Mr. Rooter	All-Star Coffee
Gladstone Card Room	U.S. Bank	YMCA child care	Tebo’s Restaurant

In addition, the group plans some special events to support this effort.

- Saturday, December 5: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Toy Drive at Target
- Tuesday, December 8: 5-8 p.m. — Burgerville dine-out & donations night
- Saturday, December 12: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Toy Drive at Target

Most-needed food items include peanut butter, rice, breakfast cereals, oatmeal, chili, tuna, pasta, soups, canned fruits and vegetables, and pancake or biscuit mix.

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Food Pantry & Clothes Closet announce holiday schedules

The Gladstone Food Pantry and Youth Clothes Closet have adjusted their schedules during the holiday season.

During the weeks of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years, the Gladstone Food Pantry will close on Thursdays & Saturdays. However, it will open Tuesdays from 3 to 5:30 p.m. on November 24, December 22, and December 29.

The Youth Clothes Closet will be closed November 26 and 28 for Thanksgiving. They will also be closed December 24, 26, and 31 plus January 2 for Winter Break.

Other weeks both facilities will be open during regular hours,

Clothes Closet: Thursdays from 3 to 5 p.m. & Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon.

Food Pantry: Thursdays from 3 to 5:30 p.m. & Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon.

Both are located in portable classrooms behind Gladstone High School, accessible via Nelson Lane.

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Recreation guide offers dozens of gift ideas

Gladstone's community education program invites you to launch your holiday shopping or jump-start your New Year's resolution by choosing a winter recreation class.

Adult options range from investing, Spanish, and quilting to yoga, oil painting, and Zumba. Youth options include sports, hip-hop, driver education, jazz dance, and guitar. Dozens of choices are available.

To register on-line, visit <https://apm.activecommunities.com/gladstonesdcommed>. For more information, phone 503.650.2570.