



Shelter Drive

In conjunction with our book launch party for ***Still a Family***, by Brenda Reeves Sturgis, the Thomas Memorial Library is collecting items to donate to area homeless shelters.

Preble Street Resource Center

Preble Street Resource Center is the hub of services for hundreds of homeless people in Portland—meeting urgent needs at an on-site clothing closet, soup kitchen, and food pantry; coordinating hours with the City of Portland Men's Shelter, a block away on Oxford Street; and providing direct access to casework services.

Florence House

Florence House provides safe, supported permanent housing to chronically homeless women in Portland, Maine.

Teen Center

The Preble Street Teen Center provides services for homeless and runaway youth, helping to meet immediate needs—warmth and safety, nutritious meals, clothing, and crisis intervention—while offering them the opportunity to develop life skills that promote stability and independence.

Toiletries Drive

There are shower facilities in the day shelters at Florence House, the Teen Center, and the adult Resource Center. Having a supply of toiletries available for our neighbors in need is very helpful. Travel sizes are best because folks have very limited storage capacity.

- Razors
- Deodorant
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Soap
- Feminine hygiene products
- Combs and Brushes
- Hand lotion

City of Portland Family Shelter

The largest shelter for families in the State of Maine, the Family Shelter offers both preventative services for families at risk of experiencing homelessness and support services to help families locate housing and achieve stability.

School Supply Drive

"Families arrive at the shelter on a daily basis, and kids often have nothing that they need for school. Donations of school supplies are greatly appreciated."

- Backpacks
- Safety scissors
- Rulers
- Pencils
- Loose-leaf paper
- Colored pencils
- Crayons
- Markers
- Composition books
- Notebooks

Bring your donations to the event, or drop them off at the library any time!

Still a Family Book Launch Party

Saturday, February 4
10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Author **Brenda Reeves Sturgis** will join us to share her new picture book, ***Still a Family*** (Albert Whitman, 2017) about a family that has fallen on hard times and are living in different homeless shelters. Even though they are separated, they are still a family.

*Join us for this special story time, with crafts, and gingerbread people courtesy of **The Cookie Jar!***

