

**Gladstone kids get free books**

Gladstone/Oak Lodge Rotary partnered with The Clackamas Bookshelf to give away free books to 135 children and teens. The event took place at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families, where families come to pick up free meals.

“Each child received 12 age-appropriate books,” said Rotarian Leslie Robinette. “Our goal is to keep kids reading all summer so they’re ready for school next fall.”

**PHOTO: Rotarians Jal Duncan and Bryce Colson prepare to hand out free children’s books with help from Katy Preston of The Clackamas Bookshelf. The event served nearly 150 youths.**

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**Rotary awards scholarships**

The Gladstone/Oak Lodge Rotary Club awarded \$1,500 scholarships to three local graduates starting college this fall.

Scholarship winner Polina Kuleshova of Rex Putnam High School plans to attend Portland State University to study architecture.

Gladstone High School graduate Ashbie Snowden plans to attend the Oregon Tech’s Portland Metro Campus to become a paramedic.

New Urban High School’s valedictorian Natalie Jones plans to attend Clackamas Community College to study nursing.

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**Gladstone Schools provides free meals for kids**

To ensure that every child has access to nutritious food, the Gladstone School District is continuing it’s free meal program this summer through August 12.

Drive-through meal pickup is provided each Wednesday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families, 18905 Portland Avenue. Drivers can pick up 5 breakfasts and 5 lunches for each child age 1 to 18.

Gladstone Schools is an equal opportunity provider, and all are welcome.