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Quick Facts

- Winthrop students attending Orientation brought a book to donate.
- Last year, organizers collected 3,216 books.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - Incoming freshmen brought more than a suitcase when they attended Orientation sessions at Winthrop University during June.

Each student was asked to bring a book to donate to children fed at the York County Summer Feeding Program. More than 300,000 children in York County will be given a meal during the summer and are normally on free or reduced lunch during the school year.

The university's incoming freshmen attended one of four sessions held in June.

The book collection effort is a collaboration between Winthrop, the Early Learning Partnership and the York County Summer Feeding Program.

Organizers said that for many children, this may their first book they have ever owned. This also is a good way to engage students in community service from the first day they are on campus.

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The Early Learning Partnership is a nonprofit corporation designed to support the health and academic readiness of young children.

For more information, contact Laura Foster with the Center for Career and Civic Engagement at 803/323-2141.

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