

# LUNCH AT THE LIBRARY

## 2016

California's public library summer meal programs provide children and teens with continued access to free, healthy food and learning opportunities essential to their development while school is out.



### 203,000

Meals served to children and teens by California public libraries at 139 sites in 2016

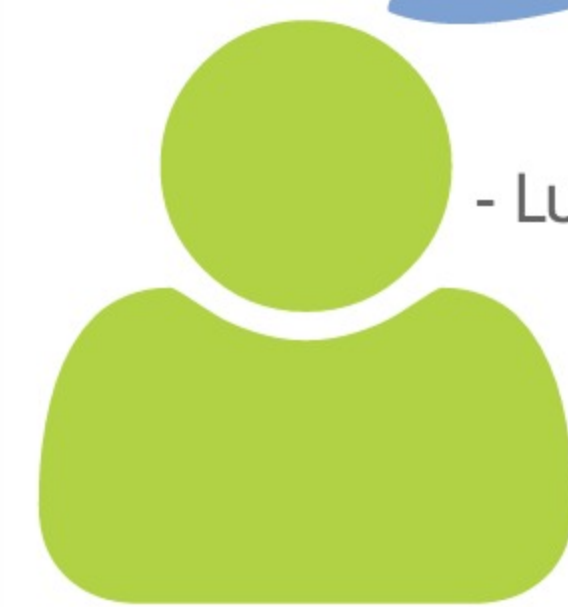
### ↑ 43%

increase in number of meals served over 2015 (142,000)

### 19%

of families who participate in Lunch at the Library programs don't get lunch anywhere else but the library

"I'm grateful... without this program I wouldn't have enough food."



- Lunch at the Library Participant

Families who participate in Lunch at the Library know they can get help and essential resources at the library:

### 90%

know they can find books and things to borrow at the library



### 75%

know they can find access to computers



### 66%

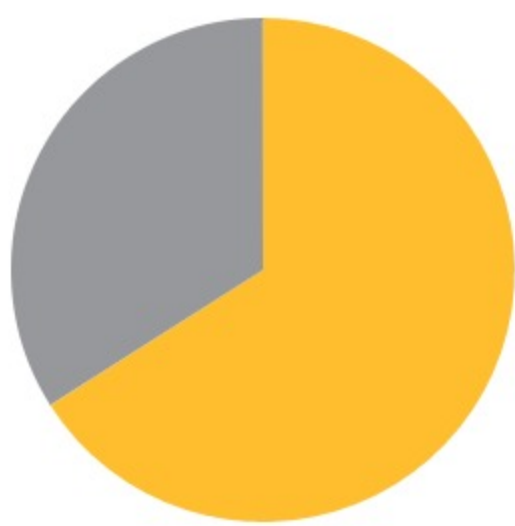
know they can find people to help them



Families who participate in Lunch at the Library programs also feel healthy, happy and safe at the library:

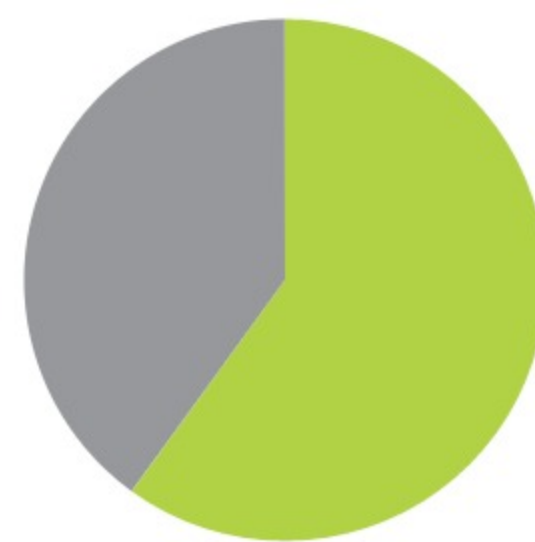
### 66%

Feel good about themselves



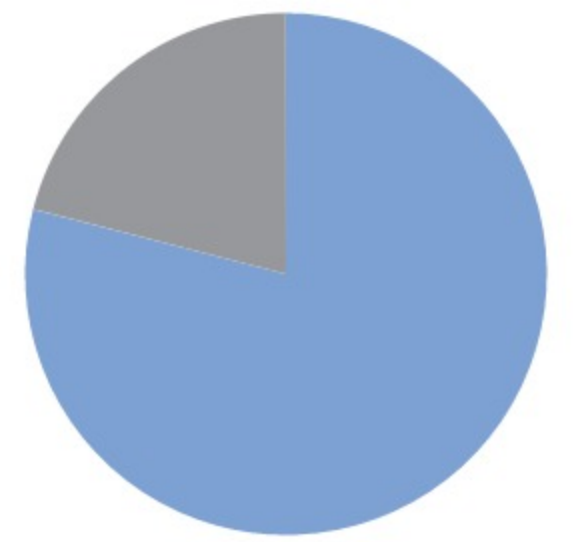
### 60%

Feel safe



### 79%

Feel Happy



In 2016, 5,147 people in 73 libraries completed surveys.

## Library summer meal programs have helped:

- Support the physical, emotional, and developmental health of low income children in the community.
- Engage children and youth in summer reading programs and other library programming.
- Provide community service opportunities for youth.
- Provide a safe and trusted community space for children and their families to go when school is out.
- Provide families with access to technology and other community resources and services.

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