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.

**LUNCH AT THE LIBRARY**

- **289,587** meals served to children and teens by California public libraries
- **18.5%** increase in number of meals served over 2018 (244,475)
  - Plus **39,737** snacks served
- **219** California public library meal sites
- **14%** increase in number of sites serving meals over 2018 (191)
  - 63 library jurisdictions
  - 30 counties

**Pop-up Libraries at Community Summer Meal Sites**

- **35** library jurisdictions took pop-up programming to community meal sites
- **634** pop-up library programs at community meal sites
- **115** community meal sites offered pop-up library programming
- **32,397** attendance at pop-up library programs

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

- **92%** know they can find books and things to borrow at the library
- **77%** know they can find access to computers
- **67%** know they can find people to help them

**13%** of families who participated in Lunch at the Library reported that they don’t get lunch anywhere else but the library.

The lunch program is perfect, on some days it’s our only food.

- Lunch at the Library participant

For more information on the Lunch at the Library program please visit [lunchatthelibrary.org](http://lunchatthelibrary.org)

*Data is current as of 12/21/2019. During the summer of 2019, 6,444 people at 169 library meal sites completed surveys. There are 186 public library jurisdictions and 58 counties in California.

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