

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



296,124

meals served to children and teens by California public libraries

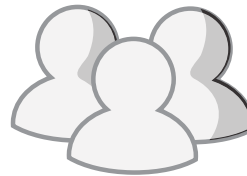


98 California public library meal sites

30 library jurisdictions **20** counties

I appreciate the assistance your program provides to keep my grandchildren learning every day. Greatly thankful!

It's so great that the library is doing this. Thank you so much!



Glad you are doing lunch and activities. It must be hard to put everything together, but we appreciate it!

- Lunch at the Library participants

Pop-up Libraries at Community Summer Meal Sites

394 community meal sites offered pop-up library programming



94,782 attendance at pop-up library programs

↑ 242.6% increase in number of pop-up sites over 2019 (115)

↑ 192.5% increase in attendance over 2019 (32,397)

Libraries mobilized to provide families with socially-distanced Lunch at the Library programs amidst the challenges of COVID-19



180,731

take-home STEAM & family engagement activity kits distributed to children, teens, and families

- 143,873 at community meal sites
- 36,858 at library meal sites

176,934

free books distributed

- 123,768 at community meal sites
- 53,166 at library meal sites



For more information on the Lunch at the Library program please visit lunchatthelibrary.org

*Data is current as of 12/01/2020. Lunch at the Library participation data was submitted by all of the 63 California public libraries that participated in the Lunch at the Library program. There are 186 public library jurisdictions and 58 counties in California.

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