Welcome!
Lunch at the Library Summer 2022
Informational Workshop

Summer @ Your Library: Explore, Learn, Read, Connect is a program of the California Library Association supported in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.
Today’s Agenda

- Lunch at the Library: An Introduction (5 minute video) & Summer 2021 Recap
- The Need for Library Summer Meal Programs, And Summer Meal Food Service Resources
- Getting Started with Meal Providers & Community Partnerships
- Why Library Meal Sites? A Win Win for the Library and Community
- Connecting Communities to Library Resources and Enrichment Programming at Library Meal Sites and Pop-up Libraries

Library Summer Meal Program Panel:
  - Yvette Herrera, Lodi Public Library
  - Dawn Vest, Monterey County Free Libraries
  - Christie Hamm, Sacramento Public Library
  - Rachel Icaza, Sonoma County Library
  - Liza Purdy & David Janning, Santa Clarita Public Library

- Summer Meal Program Funding: Shana Sojoyner and Lisa Lindsay, California State Library
- Questions?
Lunch at the Library Program Video

https://youtu.be/pMloRPDSJIk
Summer 2021 Library Meal Program Growth

- Over 308,000 meals were served by library meal sites, a **6% increase** in meals served over those served in Summer 2019 (pre-Covid). All this with an almost **60% decrease** in library meal sites.

- 49 library jurisdictions took pop-up library services out to 423 community meal sites, a **267% increase** in number of pop-up sites compared to those offered in 2019 (in 2019 CA libraries took pop-up programming out to 115 sites).
Summer 2021 Library Meal Program Growth

Number of Jurisdictions

- 2013: 5
- 2014: 20
- 2015: 34
- 2016: 43
- 2017: 51
- 2018: 55
- 2019: 63
- 2020: 67
- 2021: 71

Participating Library Sites

- 2013: 17
- 2014: 63
- 2015: 101
- 2016: 139
- 2017: 164
- 2018: 191
- 2019: 219
- 2020: 98
- 2021: 118

Meals Served

- 2013: 21,872
- 2014: 88,365
- 2015: 142,861
- 2016: 203,593
- 2017: 228,608
- 2018: 244,475
- 2019: 289,587
- 2020: 290,124
- 2021: 308,334

Pop-up Libraries at Community Summer Meal Sites

- 2019: 115
- 2020: 394
- 2021: 423
Summer Food Service Program: The Need

Summer Food Service Program:
- More summer meal sites
- More summer meal sites that are popular with and attractive to families; sites that keep children active, engaged and learning
- (Connect with a meal provider and start a conversation! Visit: https://lunchatthelibrary.org/first-steps/ for more information)

Significant need for:
- Federal funds (USDA) > Sponsors > Sites > Youth
The Need

- In CA, well over 2 million children live in households that struggle to put enough food on the table. Nearly 1 in 7 children struggle with hunger.
- In CA, 1.7 million (85%) of low-income students missed out on receiving summer lunches.
- Find out about food insecurity in your county:
  CA Food Policy Advocates: https://cfpa.net/
  Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap
The Need

Food Access
- 53% of families participating in the free and reduced price lunch program during the school year have a hard time making ends meet in summer, with $315 being the average increase in monthly additional food costs. These additional food costs compete with rent, utilities, medical needs.

Obesity
- Weight gain may occur 2-3x faster in summer
- Obesity risk increases without access to healthy food or safe places to be active

Learning Loss
- Potential loss of 2-3 months in reading skills, cumulative impact on achievement gap

Sources: Share Our Strength, 2013; National Summer Learning Association, 2012
Lunch & Healthy Food Resources

CDE COVID-19 Guidance in the Child Nutrition Programs
CDE Smarter Lunchrooms Movement
CDE CA Meals for Kids Mobile App for locating active meal sites across California by county, city, zip code or partial site name
USDA Meals Locator Find Meals for Kids Site Finder
Map the Meal Gap Feeding America
LunchAssist A wealth of information and resources for professionals working at school and community meal sites
March is National Nutrition Month!
Partnerships: Leveraging Assets & Allies

- Lunch at the Library provides opportunities for libraries to strengthen existing community partnerships and build new ones.
- Partners can help libraries introduce families to community resources, present programming, provide food for parents and caregivers, connect library staff with volunteers, provide funding, and more.
- New partnerships with meal providers and collaboration with other city, county, school, special district agencies, CBOs and local businesses can raise the profile of the work and build strong support from your organization, and city/county/statewide leadership.
Partnering Agencies: A Wealth of Possibilities!

- Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCAs, Scouts and 4H
- Clinics and hospitals
- Community centers
- Faith-based organizations
- Farmers & Farmers’ Markets
- Food banks
- Local businesses
- Parks and Rec Departments
- *Public Health Departments*
- Public Housing Departments
- Rotaries and Service Orgs
- Schools
- State Parks
Why Library-based Meal Programs?  
A win-win for library & community

- Trusted community spaces
- A wide range of resources, summer reading, exploration and learning opportunities all free of charge
- New children, teens & families connecting to the library
- Youth development opportunities and volunteer engagement
- New partnerships and support
Creative adaptation may be necessary but your library as a meal site is almost always possible!
Enrichment Programming & Resources
Promoting Nutrition Education & Farm to Table Connections

- Increase access to healthy food through summer meals and
- Promote nutrition, food literacy, physical activity and gardening through library programming
- Local health department collaborations
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Resources: Center for Ecoliteracy

www.ecoliteracy.org
Enrichment Programming & Resources
Community Partnerships and programming collaborations
Enrichment Programming ideas and links to programming resources
Eligibility and meal sponsor information. Visit “first-steps” to get started.
Flyers to promote your meal site and pop up summer programming (in Spanish and English) 2022 Coming soon!
Lunch at the Library listserv
#lunchattheLibraryCA Instagram. Please share your photos!
Library Summer Meal Programming Showcase Panel

The First Year
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Meal Program Enrichment: Pop-up & Library Summer Meal Site Programming
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Library Summer Meal Programs: Youth Development Opportunities
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County-wide Popup Library Programming and School Partnerships
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Integrating Nutrition Ed & Farm-to-Table Connections to Summer Meal Programming
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