Garden Program Guide SCPL Summer 2021

Lunch at the Library Summer 2021
Program Overview

- Two branches - Canyon Country and Old Town Newhall
- Third year to provide the service
- Food provided by School Day Café
- 8 week program (June 1- July 24)
- 12-1 PM daily
- Total number of lunches served summer 2020 was 21,168
Summer 2021 Theme: Food to Eat, Food to Grow, Then Back to the Earth it Goes!

**FOOD TO EAT**
Learn the importance of eating healthy foods, including colorful fruits and vegetables.

**FOOD TO GROW**
Learn how food grows, from seed to harvest. Grow foods within our rolling garden bed and take seed to grow at home!

**BACK TO THE EARTH IT GOES**
Learn the function of compost, how to set up a compost bin at home, and play in our vermicomposter!
Week 1: Food to Grow

PICK AND PLANT SEEDS

ON SITE ACTIVITY
Plant our rolling elevated beds with a variety of fruit and vegetable plants

TAKE HOME ACTIVITY
Choose 3 seeds and plant them in peat pods

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Week 2: Back to the Earth It Goes

COMPOST!

ON SITE ACTIVITY
Meet and feed our worms

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Week 3: Food to Eat and Grow Weed and Water Garden Beds

ON SITE ACTIVITY
Help tend the elevated garden beds.

AT HOME ACTIVITY
Virtual premiere of original music video: Fruit and Veg Pledge
https://youtu.be/ZABk6RTNodY
Week 4: Back to the Earth It Goes

Meet a Composting Expert

ON SITE ACTIVITY
CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
Environmental services employee or LA County Master Gardener hands-on composting activities

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Week 8: Food to Eat, Food to Grow, Then Back to the Earth it Goes!

**ON SITE ACTIVITIES**

- Feed the Worms
- Tend the Garden
- Harvest the Library Garden

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Challenges

• Proximity to other Free Lunch Sites
• Changing Mask Policies
• Food Waste
• Lack of gardening experience
• Staffing meal distribution and programming at the same time
Opportunities for 2022

No food distribution by SCPL staff

Farm to Summer!
Partnerships with farmer's market, garden group, dieticians, food pantries, seed libraries, etc.

Marketing SRP to folks who might not be regular library users