

California 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.



According to the Food and Research Action Center, post-pandemic data shows that only 1 in 6 California children who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch also receive summer meals (Food Research Action Center 2023, 10).



“The family was incredibly grateful for the meals provided, as they were the only meals their children would eat that day. Through the lunch program, the family discovered the library as a trusted community resource—a place where they could feed their children nutritious meals and participate in enrichment programs.”

— San Diego Public Library



“My mom is going to be so happy with these vegetables! She said we did not have money for food!”

— Lunch at the Library youth participant receiving food distribution

“Being a mom of five and having them all home during the Summer, the Library programs are a life-saver!”

— Beaumont Library District

“Thank you for this. It has helped me feed my children this summer.”

— Lunch at the Library parent

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the Library locations:

