

# Lunch at the Library

## *Summer 2023*



**REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE**

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## Report To The Legislature on the Lunch at the Library Program of the California State Library

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Family at Upland Public Library meal site

# Executive Summary

The California State Library is working with California's public libraries and community partners to help more children access nutritious meals during the summer and to address food insecurity and summer learning loss across the state.

Lunch at the Library provides California children and teens with free summer meals and learning and enrichment programs when school is out.

Typically, over 2 million California children who qualify for free and reduced-price school lunches do not receive free United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) meals during the summer.\*

The Lunch at the Library program supports libraries in becoming USDA summer meal sites and taking pop-up libraries and enrichment services to other community-based meal sites such as parks, schools, and Boys and Girls Clubs.

Summer of 2023	
# of Library meal sites	183
# of Meals served**	271,030
# of Pop-up sites	412
# of Pop-up visits	1,094
# of Enrichment programs	10,609
# of Total teen paid hours of service	18,498
# of Total teen volunteer hours of service	12,929
# of Books provided to families to build home libraries	125,422

\*\*Meals at libraries and USDA meal sites during library staff visits.

The Lunch at the Library program is:

- Increasing the number of public library summer meal sites in California.
- Building awareness of summer meal programs among families.
- Strengthening summer meal sites with wraparound learning and enrichment opportunities.
- Supporting community collaborations designed to address hunger in families.
- Supporting innovative solutions to increase access to library meal sites and reduce food insecurity.

During summer 2023, California public libraries worked with community partners to serve over **271,000 meals** to children and teens at public library meal sites and community meal sites. This included 183 public library meal sites and library staff bringing pop-up library and enrichment services to 412 community meal sites.

Library staff presented over **10,000 enrichment programs** for children, teens, and families at public library and community meal sites. Children received over **125,000 free books** to build home libraries and connect them to summer reading programs. Teens contributed over **12,000 hours of volunteer service** and worked over 18,000 hours at Lunch at the Library programs.

Summer meals were served across 36 counties and at 28 new library meal sites. Public library jurisdictions joining the program for the first time included Amador County Library, Berkeley Public Library, Mendocino County Library, and Willows Public Library. An [interactive map of all Lunch at the Library locations](#) is available on the California State Library's website.

\* Number based on comparison of California's Average Daily Participation in School Lunch School Year 2021-2022 and Average Daily Participation in Summer Lunch in July 2022 listed in the Food Research & Action Center's July 2023 Summer Nutrition Status Report.

**“[Lunch at the Library] helps greatly with food costs for my daughter and I love that she’s willing to eat more veggies because it’s at the library — something she refuses to do at home. Thank you for blessing us with these programs for kids. Food is expensive now, so this helps so much especially when I don’t qualify for food stamps but am still struggling.”**

— Anonymous Lunch at the Library parent

## Lunch at the Library: Summer 2023

The California State Library receives ongoing funding of \$5.5 million for Lunch at the Library.

This investment by the State of California has enabled libraries to:

- Significantly expand their summer meal programs,
- Create more pop-up libraries at community meal sites,
- Increase enrichment programming for children and families,
- Strengthen Farm to Summer programs,
- Offer additional youth development opportunities for teens,
- Build community partnerships and collaborations, and
- Better help address food insecurity and summer learning loss in California.



Oceanside Public Library's vegetable tasting stand.

The importance of connecting children to quality nutrition during the summer is well documented. Only one in six California children who qualify for free or reduced-price lunches also receive summer meals (Food Research Action Center 2023, 10). Over 2 million children in California who were eligible to receive free and reduced-priced lunch did not access summer lunches through any USDA program in summer 2022.

The USDA Summer Meals Study states that:

“Compared to food secure children, those who experience food insecurity are at risk of numerous negative physical, emotional, and educational outcomes, including higher rates of obesity, more behavioral problems, poorer social skills, and poorer test scores and educational achievement” (Vericker 2021, 10).

Hungry children are also at increased risk of iron deficiency anemia and depression, as well as chronic conditions like Type 2 Diabetes and heart disease (No Kid Hungry n.d., 3).

**“A parent shared that the father had recently lost his job and being able to attend Lunch at the Library on a daily basis eased some of their burden...Through this service...they were able to find comfort during a difficult time.”**

— Orange County Libraries

## Core Lunch at the Library Program

Seventy-eight library jurisdictions with 679 total branches received funding to support core Lunch at the Library activities. This included serving as a summer meal site, taking pop-up library services to other community meal sites, and delivering learning and enrichment programs alongside the meal service.

As trusted spaces at the heart of a community, libraries make ideal summer meal sites. This summer, 183 branch libraries served summer meals and library staff provided pop-up library and enrichment services at 412 community meal sites. More than 271,000 meals were provided to youth at library meal sites and community meal sites receiving pop-up library and enrichment services.

Libraries hosted a total of 10,609 enrichment programs alongside the meal service at library meal sites and other community meal sites — a 95 percent increase from the summer before. Activities included early literacy and STEAM programs, nutrition education, and environmental education. Programs were designed to appeal to different age groups, demographics, and learning styles, and to keep children engaged in learning throughout the summer. Youth and families also received 125,422 books to help them build home libraries and connect them to summer reading programs — a 31 percent increase in the number of books provided to families from last year.

Enrichment activities can be an effective strategy to promote youth attendance at summer meal sites and the Food Research and Action Center’s 2023 report describes the inclusion of enrichment activities at summer meal sites as the “gold standard,” helping to “overcome both summer hunger and summer learning loss, in addition to fostering social and emotional learning”.

Libraries surveyed 4,138 Lunch at the Library participants to determine program outcomes. Respondents either agreed or strongly agreed that they:

- Learned something because of the activities offered by the library this summer. (80 percent)
- Enjoyed reading this summer. (85 percent)



Children displaying new books received from the Inglewood Public Library to build their home libraries.

- Enjoyed taking part in activities offered by the library this summer. (86 percent)
- Received help from the library this summer. (81 percent)

Almost 60 percent of survey respondents noted that this was their first time participating in a summer library activity, suggesting that **Lunch at the Library programs help bring new families to the library.**

**“The additional funding helped us become community centers for the families who attended the lunches in a larger way than we have in the past.”**

—Solano County Library



Sacramento Public Library children chopping vegetables during nutrition education activity.

## Farm to Summer

Twenty-seven libraries received funds to present Farm to Summer programming alongside their meal programs. These programs connect families with fresh, locally sourced, sustainable food, and experiential learning activities related to local food and nutrition.

In all, libraries presented 1,287 Farm to Summer programs, ranging from field trips to educational farms, creating community gardens, cooking demonstrations, and presentations by local farmers. Libraries across the state found creative ways to bring the farm to the library this summer.

- Monterey County Free Libraries hosted an enrichment program where children planted fresh vegetables in their community garden. These were then sampled by the children and fed to adult caregivers at summer meals. Staff noted how excited the children were to eat the food they had grown as a family.
- Santa Clarita Public Library brought the farm right to the checkout desk with an incubator of fertilized chicken eggs for children to watch hatch over the summer. The staff then housed the baby chicks



Upland Public Library farm field trip with Lunch at the Library attendees.

at the library and provided further educational opportunities with the animals alongside their community gardens.

**“Farm to Summer brought our youngest patrons closer to understanding where fruits, vegetables, and dairy come from by providing a hands-on learning environment where they can grow plants. Activities gave them much-needed exposure to the world of farming and gardening that we and Upland Unified School District hope will result in a greater understanding of all things farming and gardening.”**

— Upland Public Library.

## Youth Development

Lunch at the Library helps teens develop social, emotional, and workforce readiness skills through volunteer hours and teen internships. The youth development component of Lunch at the Library was created to provide teens with the developmental assets — the positive supports and strengths — that young people need to succeed. Participation in Lunch at the Library helps to foster educational, social, and emotional learning for youth and teens by providing them with:

- Opportunities to establish mature relationships with others and adults outside the family (<https://casel.org/fundamentals-of-sel/what-is-the-casel-framework/>).
- Training to understand how Lunch at the Library impacts the local community.
- Experience learning how individuals work can impact themselves and those around them.
- Training on identifying and working through emotions professionally in a work setting.

Libraries reported teens worked or volunteered 31,427 hours compared to 13,217 hours the year before — a 230 percent increase! The total number of paid hours worked by teens also increased by 187 percent this summer.

Libraries provided outcomes surveys to over 250 teen volunteers and workers who agreed or agreed strongly with the following statements:

- I feel that I am contributing to my community. (97 percent)
- I feel safe when I am working at the library. (95 percent)
- I have good relationships with the adults who work at the library. (95 percent)



Teen Volunteers at Upland Public Library

- Working at the library gives me skills that could lead to a job someplace else. (96 percent)
- Working at the library has helped me develop personal and social skills. (90 percent)

**“As a [teen] fellow I had the responsibility of helping set up tables and putting out food. Through this process...I realized the large issue of food insecurity that occurs within our community. Lunch at the Library was a chance to come together as a community and enjoy lunch...I realized how much potential I have in being a leader for those around me. This program allowed me to see that.”**

— Teen participant in youth development program

## Connecting Youth to Summer Meals

Libraries also received funding to support targeted efforts to connect families with summer meal sites. These funds helped library staff remove barriers to participation such as lack of transportation and lack of awareness of USDA summer meal sites, two major factors known to prevent children from accessing meals during the summer.

### Transportation Solutions

**Monterey County Free Libraries** purchased a vehicle and created a mobile meal site. **San Diego Public Library** provided a shuttle to take unhoused families to and from the library. **Sonoma County Library** purchased a vehicle to deliver meals and provide pop-up site visits at community sites.

**“If we had not purchased a vehicle, we would not have been able to deliver meals to three of our library sites. That means the 1,939 meals would not have been served throughout summer lunch. This vehicle was also vital to the community meal visits we were able to do all summer.”**

— Sonoma County Library

### Raising Awareness

**San Diego Public Library** created a City and County of San Diego marketing plan to promote libraries, parks and recreation, and other community meal sites via print flyers, bus benches, bus stations, bus/train coaster cards, social media ads, and iHeart Radio advertisements. Early estimates project that this marketing strategy improved attendance by 10 percent for all USDA summer meal sites sponsored by the San Diego Unified School District.



**“We placed ‘free summer lunch’ bench ads in proximity to our four summer lunch sites...a mom and her two young children came into the library after seeing one of these bench ads. For the past several months, they had been living in their car close to the library... Throughout the summer, the family became regulars at the summer lunch program and had a great experience with the diverse enrichment programs.”**

— San Diego Public Library



Advertisement for Summer Meal locations on a bus bench in San Diego,

## Partnerships

**“There are 58,950 children in Kern County labeled as food insecure, and this summer, we provided almost one-third of that amount in meals. According to 2020 data from Feeding America, 79 percent of children in Kern County are eligible for [free or reduced-price meals]...Having our community attend Lunch at the Library during Summer Reading is an opportunity to nourish both the body and the mind. It’s an opportunity for the library to partner with school districts (or other food partners) and do what we do best — engaging kids and families — while school nutrition departments do what they do best — feeding kids.”**

— Kern County Library

Partnerships are integral to Lunch at the Library’s success.

At the state level, the State Library works with the California Department of Education, whose Nutrition Services Division administers the USDA Summer Food Service Program.

This year, the State Library has also worked with the California Department of Food and Agriculture, PBS SoCal, and Save the Children to develop, increase, and raise awareness of summer meal programs in California. Library staff is developing a Community of Practice to keep state and regional agencies connected and working together and will continue to strengthen ongoing partnerships while working to establish new ones.

The State Library also partners with the California Library Association to engage more libraries with the Lunch at the Library program, connect more families with summer meals, and support library

staff in visiting model summer meal programs to learn how to implement successful programs in their own libraries.

At the local level, participating libraries work with local governments and community agencies to provide support and wrap-around services for families. For example, Monterey County Free Libraries partnered with local businesses, agricultural companies, and food banks to provide 450 meals for caregivers and 23,779 pounds of produce to local families. In the coming year, the library plans to continue building a regional network and coalition in South Monterey County to connect more families with food.



Produce vehicle from the food bank in Monterey County.

## Building Back after the End of Pandemic-era Waivers

During the pandemic, some USDA summer meal rules were waived to help states more easily provide families with food. This year saw the end of many pandemic era waivers which has had a negative effect on summer meal participation.

The waiver that extended area eligibility for serving summer meals — i.e., made more communities eligible to provide meals as part of the USDA program — ended prior to summer 2023. For the first time in recent years, some former library meal sites could no longer serve meals. Also, the Nationwide Waiver to Allow Non-Congregate Meal Service — the waiver that permitted families to take grab-and-go food from meal sites rather than requiring children to eat at the site — ended for non-rural locations. This meant that very few meal sites served grab-and-go meals in the summer of 2023.

The number of total meals provided at meal sites in libraries decreased between 2022 and 2023 (from 263,487 to 209,303). This decrease is caused primarily by the end of the waivers. It echoes the national drop off in meals served between 2021 and 2022, which is described in the Food and Research Action Center's 2023 report as "a decrease of almost 2.4 million children compared to July 2021" (Food Research Action Center 2023, 2).

Families surveyed at libraries and at community meal sites with pop-ups reported that the sites were inviting locations where they could take part in engaging programs while receiving free lunches. They expressed appreciation for the activities, meals, books, atmosphere, and opportunities for their children to socialize with others. Because summer 2023 was the first year without pandemic-era USDA waivers, 2024 will be the summer by which future growth should be compared.

**“This summer a family...expressed gratitude for the meals and enrichment programs, which they attended nearly every day. Both parents were having difficulty keeping things afloat with two special needs children, and the meals for the whole family as well as a safe space that the library provided, became really important to them.”**

— Pasadena Public Library

## Policy and Programmatic Considerations

Lunch at the Library is provided as part of the USDA Summer Food Service Program, a federally funded program that provides meals for children ages 0 to 18 throughout the summer. Eligibility and funding guidelines surrounding the program can create barriers and limitations to feeding more families and youth during the summer.

Policies which may be preventing access to meals include:

- Meals are restricted to children ages 0 to 18. No meals allowed for parents or caregivers.
- Meals are restricted to areas that have 50 percent or more students within the location's school boundaries eligible to receive free or reduced-price meals.

California should consider exploring ways to increase the flexibility of the federal program so that more children and families can access food over the summer.

For example, providing state funds or incentives to help pay for meals for caregivers and providing meal reimbursement at locations that fall short of the federal 50 percent eligibility requirement would improve food security for California families year-round.

Restricting meals to only minors leaves caregivers who are often also experiencing food insecurity unfed, and some California children unable to access meals during the summer. Further flexibility in the Summer Food Service Program would lessen these issues and could be provided by subsidizing program costs with state fund or incentives.

Policy changes that would decrease the number of hungry Californians include:

- **Subsidizing the cost of caregiver meals so they can eat alongside the children in their care.**



Children eating lunch at a library in Monterey County.

By providing meals to parents and caregivers, library meal sites can create a more family-focused atmosphere and increase the number of people served. A 2017 Stanford University School of Medicine study on feeding parents alongside children found that eating together strengthened family bonds for adults and children (Bruce JS 2017). Participants in the study were able to extend the family budget by eating meals together at the library and experienced better food security and nutrition for the whole family.

During summer 2023, San Diego Public Library provided transportation from a local shelter to their library meal site. Library staff noted that caregivers frequently elected to eat meals together in a soup kitchen setting at the shelter rather than take their child to the library meal site, even though transportation was not a hurdle. Caregivers stated that they wanted to ensure a meal for the entire family, not just those 18 and younger. These families missed out on the enrichment programming at the library. This story illustrates how feeding the family as a unit has the potential to connect more children to summer meals and increase the benefits that Lunch at the Library delivers.

- **Decreasing the eligibility threshold for meal sites from 50 percent to 40 percent of students eligible to receive free or reduced-price meals and utilizing state funds or incentives to reduce the cost for providing meals for the additional 10 percent.**

Lowering the eligibility threshold for locations to become summer meal sites would increase the number of meal sites, including libraries, serving food, and the total number of children receiving meals. This recommendation is cited by the Food Research Action Center as “positive” and would “allow more communities to serve children whose families are struggling and would improve access to summer meals in every state” (Food Research Action Center 2023, 7).

A lower eligibility threshold better aligns the summer program with California's Universal Meals Program which, provides free, nutritious lunches for all children regardless of eligibility and reduced-price meals throughout the school year, at state expense.

**“Can’t express enough how great it is to have a one-stop location for my kids to participate in activities, interact with kids from different backgrounds, and share a meal with members of the community.”**

— Lunch at the Library parent

## Looking to the Future

### Lunch at the Library Team

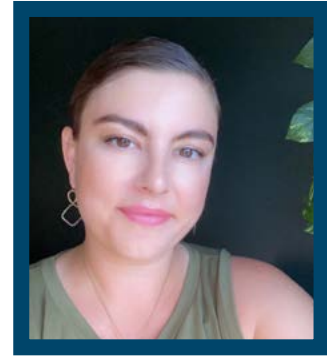
During this year, the California State Library expanded the Lunch at the Library project to a team of three staff members. They have established relationships with prospective libraries, created space for collaboration among local library staff, and worked with libraries and meal sponsors to eliminate barriers to library participation across the state.



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Plans for 2024 include increasing the number of Lunch at the Library meal sites in California and providing tailored support and targeted outreach to libraries and their partners. There will be more:

- Site visit opportunities for libraries weighing becoming a meal site to see the program's impact in person.
- Technical assistance and professional development opportunities for grantees, including a community of practice so grantees can benefit from sharing best practices and addressing mutual challenges.
- Help for library staff leverage local partnerships to provide transportation for families and food for adult caregivers.

## Appendix A: Program-Specific Lunch at the Library Program Definitions

**Core Program:** The name of funds given to library jurisdictions serving meals at library sites and/or taking enrichment programs to community meal sites, frequently incorporating teen volunteers.

**Enrichment Programs:** Programming and services provided alongside USDA meal service, occurring directly before, after, or during the meal. Programs are designed to provide learning outcomes in a safe, welcoming, stigma-free environment in which to receive the meals.

**Innovation:** The name of funds given to library jurisdictions implementing innovative and often larger-scale efforts to connect more children, teens, and families with nutritious meals during the summer. Funded projects go above and beyond Lunch at the Library Core Program activities.

**Meal Sites:** Physical location where USDA summer meals are served. Library meal sites occur in a library outlet, and community meal sites are any location beyond the library walls.

**Meal Sponsor:** The administrative and fiscal agent providing meals to sites, often a school district or area nonprofit organization, while complying with requirements by USDA.

**Pop-up Site:** A community meal site where library staff visit to bring enrichment programming and library services.

**Youth Development:** Teen workforce readiness programs incorporated into a library's summer meals programming via volunteers (no compensation) or interns (hired to library staff).

## Appendix B: All Funding and Activities by Jurisdiction

Jurisdictions by County	Assembly District	Senate District	Award Amount	Jurisdiction Outlets	Library Outlets Providing Meals	Enrichment Programs at Outlets Providing Meals	Meals Provided at Library Outlets	Visits and Enrichment Programs at Community Meal Sites	Meals Provided at Community Meal Sites on Days Library Visited
<b>Alameda</b>			<b>\$50,071</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>3,603</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1,510</b>
BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY	14	7	\$30,071	5	1	29	707	0	0
HAYWARD PUBLIC LIBRARY	20	10	\$8,500	2	1	11	952	8	662
OAKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY	14, 18	7	\$11,500	18	7	16	1,944	10	848
<b>Amador</b>			<b>\$36,000</b>	<b>5</b>				<b>7</b>	<b>90</b>
AMADOR COUNTY LIBRARY	1, 9	4	\$36,000	5				7	90
<b>Butte</b>			<b>\$235,820</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1,397</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>665</b>
BUTTE COUNTY LIBRARY	3	1	\$235,820	6	1	39	1,397	18	665
<b>Calaveras</b>			<b>\$12,980</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>4,937</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>610</b>
CALAVERAS COUNTY LIBRARY	8, 9	4	\$12,980	8	8	67	4,937	28	610
<b>Contra Costa</b>			<b>\$27,000</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>5,645</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>664</b>
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LIBRARY	11, 14, 15, 16	3, 7, 9	\$27,000	26	8	114	5,645	6	664
<b>Del Norte</b>			<b>\$25,607</b>	<b>2</b>				<b>59</b>	<b>426</b>
DEL NORTE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT	2	2	\$25,607	2				59	426
<b>Glenn</b>			<b>\$7,120</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>330</b>
ORLAND FREE LIBRARY	3	1	\$5,000	1			0	2	203

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WILLOWS PUBLIC LIBRARY	3	1	\$2,120	3			0	3	127
<b>Imperial</b>			<b>\$19,138</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2206</b>	<b>3,003</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
CAMARENA MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY	36	18	\$9,938	2	1	56	853	0	0
IMPERIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY	36	18	\$9,200	1	1	2150	2,150		
<b>Kern</b>			<b>\$521,326</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3009</b>	<b>17,910</b>		
KERN COUNTY LIBRARY	32, 34, 35	12, 16	\$521,326	22	21	3009	17,910		
<b>Kings</b>			<b>\$5,500</b>	<b>7</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>831</b>
KINGS COUNTY LIBRARY	33	16	\$5,500	7			0	16	831
<b>Los Angeles</b>			<b>\$549,804</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>17,058</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>10,603</b>
ALHAMBRA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY	49	25	\$5,740	1				8	718
AZUSA CITY LIBRARY	48	22	\$14,875	1	1	36	1,391		
BURBANK PUBLIC LIBRARY	44	20	\$5,400	3			0	13	558
CITY OF COMMERCE PUBLIC LIBRARY	54	30, 33	\$14,263	4			0	12	150
GLENDALE LIBRARY, ARTS & CULTURE	44, 52	25	\$8,930	8			0	7	1,232
INGLEWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY	61	35	\$35,140	2	1	12	250	6	164
LA COUNTY LIBRARY	34, 39-44, 48, 49, 51, 52, 54, 55-57, 61-62, 64-67, 69	20, 22-26, 28, 30, 33-36	\$324,281	85	15	50	9,842	58	1,716
LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY	40, 42-44, 46, 51, 52, 54, 55, 57, 61, 65, 66	20, 24, 26-28, 35	\$63,602	73				66	3,791
PALMDALE CITY LIBRARY	39	23	\$20,580	1			0	6	907
PASADENA PUBLIC LIBRARY	41	25	\$15,000	10	1	45	877	16	939

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SANTA CLARITA PUBLIC LIBRARY	40	23	\$31,355	3	2	14	3,824		
WHITTIER PUBLIC LIBRARY	56	30	\$10,638	3	1	25	874	9	428
<b>Madera</b>			<b>\$6,500</b>	<b>5</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>907</b>
MADERA COUNTY LIBRARY	8, 27	4, 14	\$6,500	5			0	13	907
<b>Mendocino</b>			<b>\$19,862</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>544</b>
MENDOCINO COUNTY LIBRARY	2	2	\$19,862	5	1	36	292	6	544
<b>Monterey</b>			<b>\$265,662</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1178</b>	<b>14,053</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>3,866</b>
MONTEREY COUNTY FREE LIBRARIES	29, 30	17	\$265,662	16	15	1178	14,053	39	3,866
<b>Nevada</b>			<b>\$137,252</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>4,415</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>619</b>
NEVADA COUNTY LIBRARY	1	1, 4	\$137,252	6	4	114	4,415	25	619
<b>Orange</b>			<b>\$159,682</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>20,315</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>5,270</b>
ANAHEIM PUBLIC LIBRARY	59, 67, 68	34, 37	\$109,934	8	1	27	1,043	65	3,810
BUENA PARK LIBRARY DISTRICT	67	36	\$5,396	1	1	13	1,778	5	1,460
ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES	59, 64, 67, 70-74	30, 34, 36-38	\$33,715	32	6	278	16,038		
ORANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY	59, 68	37	\$2,200	3	1	13	1,118	0	0
PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT	59	37	\$8,437	1	1	9	338	0	0
<b>Plumas</b>			<b>\$5,364</b>	<b>8</b>				<b>16</b>	<b>673</b>
PLUMAS COUNTY LIBRARY	1	1	\$5,364	8				16	673
<b>Riverside</b>			<b>\$198,162</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>23,048</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>4,065</b>
BANNING LIBRARY DISTRICT	47	19	\$5,000	1			0	7	131
BEAUMONT LIBRARY DISTRICT	47	19	\$6,680	1	1	34	2,032		



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MORENO VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY	60	31	\$6,815	3	1	25	4,650	9	1,250
RIVERSIDE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM	36, 47, 58, 60, 63, 71	18, 19, 31, 32	\$131,882	35	12	307	13,943	8	484
RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY	58, 63	31, 32	\$47,785	8	2	41	2,423	33	2,200
<b>Sacramento</b>			<b>\$198,049</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>11,421</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>786</b>
SACRAMENTO PUBLIC LIBRARY	6, 7, 9, 10	3, 6, 8	\$198,049	28	13	294	11,421	12	786
<b>San Bernardino</b>			<b>\$54,579</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>11,929</b>		
A. K. SMILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY	50	19	\$32,684	1	1	9	2,575		
ONTARIO CITY LIBRARY	53	22	\$4,295	2	1	118	5,344		
UPLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY	53	29	\$17,600	1	1	36	4,010		
<b>San Diego</b>			<b>\$412,596</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>22,814</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>775</b>
CHULA VISTA PUBLIC LIBRARY	80	18	\$4,000	3	2	60	1,275	0	0
OCEANSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY	74	38	\$148,036	3	3	96	4,947	3	175
SAN DIEGO COUNTY LIBRARY	74-80	18, 32, 38, 39, 40	\$83,000	33	6	262	12,866		
SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY	75-80	18, 38-40	\$177,560	36	4	216	3,726	15	600
<b>San Joaquin</b>			<b>\$4,450</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4,378</b>		
LODI PUBLIC LIBRARY	9	5	\$4,450	1	1	1	4,378		
<b>San Luis Obispo</b>			<b>\$2,100</b>	<b>2</b>			<b>0</b>		
PASO ROBLES CITY LIBRARY	30	17	\$2,100	2			0		
<b>San Mateo</b>			<b>\$84,365</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>3,251</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>1,815</b>
DALY CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY	19	11	\$4,500	4			0	15	275
REDWOOD CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY	21	13	\$6,685	3			0	8	530

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SAN BRUNO PUBLIC LIBRARY	21	13	\$10,980	1			0	6	700
SAN MATEO COUNTY LIBRARIES	21, 23	13	\$62,200	13	2	204	3,251	48	310
<b>Santa Barbara</b>			<b>\$51,515</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>1,487</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>3,715</b>
LOMPOC PUBLIC LIBRARY	37	21	\$13,080	2	1	13	750	7	1,400
SANTA BARBARA PUBLIC LIBRARY	37	21	\$21,935	3	1	84	737	26	1,430
SANTA MARIA PUBLIC LIBRARY	37	21	\$16,500	5			0	8	885
<b>Santa Clara</b>			<b>\$50,691</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>5,617</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>5,835</b>
SAN JOSE PUBLIC LIBRARY	23-26, 28	10, 15	\$22,660	25			0	83	4,088
SANTA CLARA CITY LIBRARY	26	10	\$15,831	3				8	308
SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY	23, 24, 26, 28, 29	10, 13, 15	\$12,200	8	2		5,617	9	1,439
<b>Santa Cruz</b>			<b>\$23,525</b>	<b>10</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1,016</b>
SANTA CRUZ PUBLIC LIBRARIES	28, 30	17	\$23,525	10			0	12	1,016
<b>Solano</b>			<b>\$83,577</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>10,510</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>878</b>
SOLANO COUNTY LIBRARY	11	3	\$83,577	9	4	47	10,510	11	878
<b>Sonoma</b>			<b>\$291,472</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>4,829</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>3,343</b>
SONOMA COUNTY LIBRARY	2, 4, 12	2, 3	\$291,472	15	7	52	4,829	67	3,343
<b>Stanislaus</b>			<b>\$34,495</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3,063</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1,214</b>
STANISLAUS COUNTY FREE LIBRARY	9, 22	4	\$34,495	13	1	5	3,063	22	1,214
<b>Sutter</b>			<b>\$13,687</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1,530</b>		
SUTTER COUNTY LIBRARY	3	1	\$13,687	3	1	5	1,530		
<b>Tehama</b>			<b>\$14,100</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>478</b>

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TEHAMA COUNTY LIBRARY	3	1	\$14,100	3	2	2	44	7	478
<b>Tulare</b>			<b>\$48,374</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>4,546</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>5,215</b>
PORTER-VILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	33	16	\$6,374	1	1	40	1,293		
TULARE COUNTY FREE LIBRARY	32, 33	12, 16	\$42,000	17	8	115	3,253	57	5,215
<b>Ventura</b>			<b>\$159,430</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>4,074</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>2,444</b>
BLANCHARD/SANTA PAULA PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT	38	21	\$4,000	1	1	59	1,375		
CAMARILLO PUBLIC LIBRARY	38	21	\$9,100	1			0	5	330
SIMI VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY	42	27	\$5,288	1			0	7	1,315
THOUSAND OAKS LIBRARY	42	27	\$6,000	2				24	799
VENTURA COUNTY LIBRARY	38, 42	21, 27	\$135,042	13	3	77	2,699	0	0
<b>Yolo</b>			<b>\$42,306</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4,134</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>2,304</b>
WOODLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY	4	3	\$33,000	1	1	15	4,134	8	117
YOLO COUNTY LIBRARY	4	3	\$9,306	7			0	26	2,187
<b>Yuba</b>			<b>\$5,010</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>236</b>
YUBA COUNTY LIBRARY	3	1	\$5,010	1			0	16	236
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>\$3,857,171</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>9,558</b>	<b>209,303</b>	<b>1,094</b>	<b>61,727</b>

# Appendix C: Innovation Grants Funding by Library Jurisdiction

**Innovation - \$407,157** was disbursed to support libraries in implementing innovative and often larger-scale efforts to connect more children, teens, and families with nutritious meals during the summer.

- **Anaheim Public Library (\$11,382):** Provided pop-up site visits utilizing a Bookmobile and van at year-round food service Kids Café locations including mobile library community sites and Family Resource Centers.
- **Contra Costa County Library (\$6,000):** Continued meal site service at the San Pablo Library branch through the fall.
- **Inglewood Public Library (\$3,340):** Worked with the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank to distribute bi-monthly produce boxes to families during the fall.
- **Monterey County Free Libraries (\$119,235):** Purchased a vehicle to become a mobile meal site. Staff are still in the process of procuring the vehicle and have purchased equipment to be utilized in the vehicle upon delivery, including book carts, folding benches, and a mobile kitchen for food education programs.
- **Nevada County Library (\$67,856):** In partnership with the Nevada County Food Bank, provided daily bagged lunches at two library locations without an USDA meal site.
- **Sacramento Public Library (\$24,455):** In partnership with the Sacramento Food Bank & Family Service and the Health Education Council, provided food boxes and fresh produce alongside food education programming that connected attendees to information on nutrition, food prep and safety, and navigating CalFresh applications.
- **San Diego County Library (\$50,000):** In partnership with Feeding San Diego provided congregate, non-congregate youth meals, food pantries, or senior meals at 14 of 33 branch locations. Partnered with San Diego County Parks and Recreation and Health Human Services to provide healthy movement activities and wrap around services.
- **San Diego Public Library (\$75,786):** Provided a shuttle service for unhoused families to and from the library and engaged in a promotional campaign to raise awareness about the program. Created a City and County of San Diego Marketing Plan to promote library, parks and recreation, and other community meal sites via print flyers, bus benches, bus stations, bus/coaster/train coaster card ads, social media ads, and iHeart radio advertisements. Early estimates project this marketing strategy improved attendance by 10 percent for all USDA summer meal sites sponsored by the San Diego Unified School District.
- **Santa Barbara Public Library (\$4,000):** Engaged in a targeted promotional campaign to connect with underserved communities. Purchased advertisements on a local Spanish radio station, hired a professional photographer for future advertisements, and worked with local partners to raise awareness about Lunch at the Library with their Spanish speaking population. Anecdotal reports note that this campaign was successful in reaching the targeted population.

- **Sonoma County Library (\$44,103):** Purchased a vehicle to provide pop-up site visits to tribal communities in rural areas. The library was unable to finalize connections with the tribal community as they decided to not participate in the lunch program. The vehicle was used to provide delivery services for meals in other areas of the county that would have otherwise not been available.

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