

Lunch at the Library

Summer 2024



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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A family eats lunch at the Contra Costa County Library after receiving new books to build their home library.

Executive Summary

California has invested over \$650 million in ongoing funds to establish Universal Meals. This program provides any public-school student who is hungry a free meal during the school year, regardless of whether they are eligible for federal free or subsidized meals. This investment of funds illustrates a commitment by the State of California to ensure that all children receive healthy meals.

During the summer, over 1.6 million California children who qualify for free and reduced-price school lunches do not receive free United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) meals.*

Without access to nutritious food, these children face heightened risks of hunger, learning loss, and social isolation.

The Lunch at the Library program addresses this critical need by providing free healthy meals and enriching educational services to low-income children and teens across California during the summer months. The California State Library works with public libraries and community partners across our state to help more children access nutritious meals during the summer and to address food insecurity and learning loss.

This program helps libraries become USDA summer meal sites and create pop-up libraries and enrichment services for other community-based meal sites such as parks, schools, and Boys and Girls Clubs. It ensures that young people have both the nourishment, and the opportunities needed to stay engaged and continue learning outside of school.

Lunch at the Library was funded by the California State budget at \$5.486 million in 2023-2024. This funding allowed libraries to create innovative solutions that connected more struggling families with nutritious meals and encouraged a greater growth of the program. For 2024-2025 this amount was reduced to \$3 million. This decrease will hinder libraries looking to expand their program or create innovative ideas to feed more families, meaning more California children and families will face hunger in the upcoming summer.

Summer of 2024**	
# of Library meal sites	201
# of Meals served***	360,234
# of Pop-up sites	425
# of Pop-up visits	1,146
# of Enrichment programs	10,752
# of Farm to Summer focused enrichment programs	1,208
# of Total teen paid hours of service	21,399
# of Total teen volunteer hours of service	14,951
# of Books provided to families to build home libraries	167,364

* Meals at libraries and USDA meal sites during library staff visits. Number based on updated comparative data of California's Free and Reduced-Price National School Lunch Program Average Daily Participation in School Lunch School Year 2022-2023 and Average Daily Participation in Summer Lunch in July 2023 listed in the Food Research & Action Center's August 2024 Summer Nutrition Status Report.

** The Summer 2024 table includes data from Butte County Library and San Benito County Library which are not included in Appendix B. These two libraries received grant funding in the 2022-2023 fiscal year and extensions that supported their Lunch at the Library programs through Summer 2024. Information on their funding amounts can be found in the Summer 2023 Report to the Legislature.

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

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. While the program undoubtedly benefits California's families, some of its eligibility and funding guidelines can create barriers to participation.

The Lunch at the Library program works to reduce barriers and ensure more low-income youth and families receive critical food support by:

- Increasing the number of public library summer meal sites feeding kids and teens in California.
- Building awareness of summer meal programs among families.
- Expanding Farm to Summer programs at California libraries.
- 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.

Summer 2024 saw an overall statewide increase in the number of meals served, teen service hours logged, books provided for family home libraries, and library participation. California public libraries worked with community partners to serve over 360,000 nutritious meals to children and teens at 201 public library meal sites and 425 community meal sites. Lunch at the Library took place across 36 California counties and library staff established 16 new library meal sites.

Library staff presented over 10,700 enrichment programs for children, teens, and families at public library and community meal sites. Children received over 167,000 free books to build home libraries and connect them to summer reading programs.

Teens contributed almost 15,000 hours of volunteer service and worked over 21,000 hours at Lunch at the Library programs. Libraries also collaborated with community partners to distribute over 300,000 pounds of additional food to hungry families. This food included meals for caregivers and donated produce boxes.

The Summer 2024 Lunch at the Library program demonstrated significant positive impact on families, children, and teens.

In addition to receiving free nutritious meals and donations of food, families reported high satisfaction with the program—94 percent said they enjoyed taking part in activities offered at Lunch at the Library programs and 99 percent said they felt welcome at the program.

Youth participants also reported strong engagement, with 76 percent of children and teens saying they benefited from the wraparound learning and enrichment programs, which included educational presentations and reading support. Additionally, teens gained valuable social, emotional, and workforce readiness skills through volunteer and internship opportunities, with 98 percent saying that they felt they contributed to their community and 93 percent reporting enhanced job skills and personal growth.



A family sits outside Lodi Public Library eating lunch together.

Eleven new public library jurisdictions joined the program in Summer 2024:

- Altadena Library District
- El Centro Public Library
- Marin County Free Library
- Monrovia Public Library
- Murrieta Public Library
- National City Public Library
- Roseville Public Library
- San Bernardino Public Library
- San Francisco Public Library District
- San Luis Obispo County
- Shasta Public Libraries

An [interactive map](#) of all Lunch at the Library locations is available on the California State Library website.

Lunch at the Library: Summer 2024

The California State Library received \$5.486 million for Lunch at the Library for summer 2024. This investment by the State of California 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.
- Better address food insecurity and summer learning loss in California.



A volunteer serves meals at the Camerena Memorial Public Library Lunch at the Library program.

“The gratitude we’ve received reinforces how vital this program is for our community. Lunch at the Library is not just about food; it’s about fostering relationships, education, and well-being among families who need it most.”

— Ventura County Library staff member

The Need for Lunch at the Library

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. This means that over 1.6 million children in California eligible to receive free and reduced-priced lunch did not access summer lunches through any USDA program in summer 2024.

A 2021 USDA Summer Meals Study says 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.”

This illustrates the importance of connecting children to quality nutrition during the summer months. Children who are not adequately fed during the summer cannot stay engaged in learning and are more likely to fall behind before the start of the next school year.

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. **Children receiving free school meals are also less likely than their peers to engage in daily reading. This means those in need of summer meals are also in need of further literacy support from libraries.**

The enrichment activities and wraparound services provided through Lunch at the Library are an effective strategy to promote youth attendance and engagement at summer meal sites. 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.”

As trusted spaces at the heart of the community, libraries make ideal summer meal sites. Libraries are known safe spaces for families to receive free summer activities for children of all ages. They prioritize learning and engagement throughout the summer and promote additional opportunities for youth to read. Families rely on their local libraries as valued community hubs where they can connect with vital resources and each other.

Core Lunch at the Library Program

Eighty-three library jurisdictions with 792 total branches received funding to support core Lunch at the Library activities in the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Core activities include 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.

This summer, 201 branch libraries served summer meals and library staff provided pop-up library and enrichment services at 425 community meal sites. More than 360,000 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 10,752 enrichment programs alongside the meal service at library meal sites and other community meal sites. 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 167,364 books to help them build home libraries and connect them to summer reading programs.



A young girl at Lodi Public Library signs up for the Summer Reading Program during lunch service.

Positive Outcomes

Libraries surveyed 2,531 Lunch at the Library caregivers. Respondents answered that the child or children in their care:

- Learned something because of the activities offered by the library this summer (76 percent).
- Enjoyed reading this summer (93 percent).
- Enjoyed taking part in activities offered by the library this summer (94 percent).
- Participated in the library's summer reading program (72 percent).

Over 50 percent of respondents noted that this was their first time participating in a summer meals activity, suggesting that **Lunch at the Library programs help bring new families to the library.**

Caregivers also answered that:

- The summer meals program with the library helped their family and/or community (97 percent).
- They felt welcomed at the summer meals program with the library (99 percent).

The high levels of agreement suggest that this program is effective in meeting the needs of the community by addressing food insecurity and offering social connection.



Children at the Anaheim Public Library learn to play chess during Lunch at the Library.

Libraries also surveyed 10,287 youth participants. Kids and teens answered that they:

- Enjoyed taking part in the activities (85 percent).
- Learned something because of the activities offered (76 percent).
- Felt welcome and safe at summer meals programs (85 percent).
- Enjoyed reading this summer (76 percent).

Children and teens told library staff they learned about life skills, math, literacy, composting and sustainability, science, and information about their local library. Some said they learned:

- “How to share and how to play with others.”
- “How to plant seeds and garden tips.”
- “You need to eat healthy to grow strong and big.”
- “That the library is a safe place to have lunch.”
- “You can read for fun.”
- “How to build a robot.”



Children receive books to build their home libraries at the Simi Valley Public Library.

“Bodies were fed; brains were nourished; friendships were made; a love of reading was instilled in many for the first time.”

— Lompoc Public Library staff member

Farm to Summer

All libraries presented Farm to Summer programs that connected families with fresh, locally sourced, sustainable food, and experiential learning activities related to local food and nutrition.

In total, libraries presented 1,208 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.

- **Yolo County Library** worked in partnership with the Yolo Food Bank to provide a children's Farmers' Market. Fresh, locally grown produce was provided for families to sample and take home alongside nutrition education and recipes. Families were able to replicate healthy meals using fresh ingredients in their own home regardless of financial restraints. Children learned about new fruits and vegetables, encouraging them to try new foods, and helping them learn more about the food grown in their community.
- **Beaumont Library** District partnered with two local farms to refresh their raised garden beds to become a functional fruit, vegetable, and herb garden. Lunch at the Library participants worked weekly in the garden and created shared dishes from the produce they grew together. This allowed children to gain first-hand experience growing and cooking their own food giving them confidence in the kitchen and garden while encouraging them to be a part of the food production process.
- **Berkeley Public Library** developed a partnership with Cafe Ohlone, an indigenous restaurant that provided programming based on the Ohlone people's Chochoyeno language, traditional local food pathways, and land stewardship. From these programs, youth gained new knowledge of the Ohlone culture as well as the local and indigenous foods in their area.
- **Chula Vista Library** partnered with a local, woman-owned tortilla company "Manos de Mujer" to explore the agricultural history of corn, and to demonstrate how corn is ground into masa. Another event featured a couple who own a nearby farm, Ranchito Milkyway Farms, sharing their expertise on sustainable farming with children and families. The partnerships highlighted the importance of local agriculture and emphasized community connections that enhance food access. By engaging families in food preparation and farming traditions, the library fostered a



Families plant a community garden during Inglewood Public Library's Farm to Summer program.



Children engage in a nutrition education cooking class with the San Mateo County Libraries.

deeper understanding of where food comes from, as well as an appreciation of local agriculture.

- **Azusa City Library** organized Farm to Summer activities featuring local farmers like Rancho Vasquez Farms, promoting fresh produce. They presented on local city and farm history created a guacamole recipe and an avocado aioli using avocados grown locally from the farm. Other highlights included a bee presentation by the Los Angeles County Beekeeper's Association, an art program using fruits and vegetables, a recycling and composting workshop, and a gardening program with Azusa Pacific University. Participants shared how the experiences fostered a sense of community, instilled pride in local resources, and inspired healthier eating habits.

“Parents note that their children are more willing, and even excited, to try new fruits and vegetables through the fun preparation and presentation methods used in the Farm to Summer programs. The children also like to sample what they’ve helped grow in the garden.”

— Madera County Library Staff

Youth Development

Youth Development opportunities at Lunch at the Library programs continued to grow this year. Lunch at the Library helps teens develop social, emotional, and workforce readiness skills by providing teens with volunteer opportunities and paid internships. Teens support Lunch at the Library by serving meals, planning and conducting programs, tracking statistics, and assisting library staff throughout the program.



Santa Barbara Public Library teen intern cohort.

Lunch at the Library provides teens with the developmental assets — the positive supports and strengths — that young people need to succeed and fosters educational, social, and emotional learning. It provides teens with:

- Opportunities to establish mature relationships with others and adults outside the family.
- Training to understand how Lunch at the Library impacts the local community.
- Experiential learning on how someone's work can impact their life and the lives of those around them.
- Training on identifying and working through emotions professionally in a work setting.

Libraries reported that teens worked or volunteered 36,350 hours this year compared to 31,427 hours the year prior.

Positive Outcomes

Libraries surveyed over 225 teen volunteers and workers who either agreed or agreed strongly with the following statements:

- I feel that I am contributing to my community (98 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 (93 percent).
- Working at the library gives me skills that could lead to a job someplace else (93 percent).
- Working at the library has helped me develop personal and social skills (87 percent).

“The library has given me a voice.”

— Teen participant in youth development program



Teen intern leads a nutrition education activity for children at the Sacramento Public Library.

“I feel like my internship has helped me grow and improve in many different areas of my life. I feel like the skills I learned and developed over the summer such as communication, time management, teamwork/cooperation, leadership, confidence, and critical thinking, will help me at my jobs in the future and in my extracurricular activities.”

— Teen participant in youth development program

Connecting Youth to Summer Meals

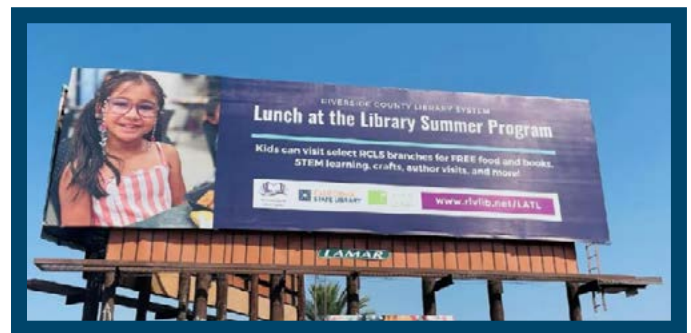
Program funds helped libraries connect more families to summer meals. Libraries received funding to help library staff lower barriers to participation such as lack of transportation and lack of awareness of USDA summer meal sites — two major factors known to prevent children from accessing meals during the summer.

Transportation Solutions

Anaheim Public Library partnered with Miraloma Family Resource Center to organize two field trips from the Resource Center’s community meal site to the Central Library. Participants enjoyed lunch at the center, which they could also take to the library. During their visits, they engaged in Farm to Summer programming, art activities, story times, and library tours. These field trips introduced new families in the community to their local library and wraparound services.

Raising Awareness

Riverside County Library System created a large-scale awareness campaign focused on increasing attendance at Lunch at the Library meal sites. The project included digital billboards on local freeways, movie theater and radio advertisements, visits by popular authors, and exciting enrichment programs. These efforts led to a 43 percent increase in new families at the library’s programs.



Riverside County Library System billboard promotes Lunch at the Library.

Sonoma County Library partnered with the Children’s Museum of Sonoma County to create a “Potter the Otter” healthy foods exhibit in their local mall that also served as an USDA meal site run by library staff. This library meal site was one of the library’s most heavily visited summer meal sites last year.



Santa Barbara Public Library bus advertisement promotes Lunch at the Library.

San Diego Public Library launched a bilingual “Free Summer Lunch” awareness campaign to promote meal sites across San Diego County. The campaign used social media, radio ads, and community signage on buses, trolleys, billboards, and transit shelters. Through scans, clicks, and radio listeners, the library reached at least 700,000 local community members. The campaign successfully resulted in over 9,000 additional lunches served to children compared to last year.

Partnerships

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

The State Library works with the California Department of Education, whose Nutrition Services Division administers the USDA Summer Food Service Program. Local libraries work closely with school districts to provide healthy, nutritious meals throughout the summer. Seventy-eight different local school districts acted as meal sponsors for library meal sites this summer.

In addition to this, the State Library has developed a new partnership with the Braille Institute of America while continuing to expand and strengthen partnerships with the California Department of Food and Agriculture, PBS SoCal, and Save the Children to raise awareness of summer meal programs in California. The State Library also partners with the California Library Association to engage more libraries and families 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.

Participating libraries also work with local governments and community agencies to provide support and wrap-around services for families.



Families receive fresh produce during food distribution at the Stanislaus County Library.



Youth at Monterey County Free Libraries receive food bank bags.

Food for Caregivers

Guidelines for the USDA Summer Food Service Program specify that meals are restricted to children ages 0 to 18. Meals cannot be provided to parents or caregivers through this program. Previous participants have noted that they would be more inclined to attend Lunch at the Library if the entire family received food.

To address this, libraries are working with partners to provide food for caregivers. This year, libraries and their partners provided over 300,000 pounds of food to families to supplement the USDA Summer Food Service Program. These food items included snacks and meals for caregivers and donated boxes of produce for families to take home.

Additional Meals

Other meals and food for families were provided using innovative new formats. The San Diego County Library partnered with Feeding San Diego to provide 110,720 non-USDA meals to youth at their library using a food pantry service model. This model allows children to pick up meals to take away and eat off site, while parents also picked up produce packages to take home.

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

— Child at Lunch at the Library food distribution

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. While the program undoubtedly benefits California's families, some of its eligibility and funding guidelines can create barriers to participation.

Two policies which may be preventing access to meals are restrictions based on age and free and reduced-price meal eligibility.

1. Age restrictions.

USDA summer meals are restricted to children ages 0 to 18. No meals are allowed for parents or caregivers.

Restricting meals to only minors leaves caregivers unfed although they often also experience food insecurity. The USDA Summer Meals Study found that 74 percent of caregivers whose children participated in summer meals reported the family had received Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits that year. This means that almost three-quarters of families at summer meals sites are routinely food insecure.

Further, California children whose parents cannot receive summer meals may be less likely to attend and access summer meal services as their parents are less inclined to take them.



A young family picks out produce to take home at the A.K. Smily Public Library.

In summer 2023, this was seen first-hand when 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.

This past summer, parents responded in Lunch at the Library outcome surveys that they wished they could eat alongside their children. One adult participant noted that “it would be great if parents could eat with children because I’m a diabetic on a fixed income.”

By providing meals to parents and caregivers, summer meal sites can create a more family-focused atmosphere, support struggling families, and increase the number of children served. This will allow California families to enjoy better food security and nutrition for the whole family.

2. Free and Reduced-Price Meal Eligibility

Meals are restricted to areas that have 50 percent or more students eligible to receive free or reduced-price meals within the location's school boundaries.

Restricting areas served based on the 50 percent rate excludes communities with unreported food insecurity. Additionally, the shift to Universal Meals in California may be leading to gaps in data, as some schools are having difficulty obtaining paperwork necessary to qualify families for assistance.

California's cost of living, particularly in urban areas, is high, and even families above the 50 percent Free and Reduced-Price Meal threshold often struggle with food insecurity.

Lowering the eligibility threshold, for example from 50 percent to 40 percent, for locations to become summer meal sites **would increase the number of meal sites, including libraries serving food, and the number of children receiving meals.**

Lowering the eligibility threshold 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."

RECOMMENDATION: California should explore ways to increase the flexibility in the Summer Food Service Program, potentially through state subsidies or incentives, to improve access to food for more children and families during the summer. Doing so would ensure greater food security for California families and align the summer program with California's Universal Meals Program, which uses state funds to provide free, nutritious lunches for all children regardless of eligibility for reduced-price meals during the school year.

"We love the help offered to the community. My three children and I are experiencing homelessness. Free meals to my kids helps a ton and makes them happy and safe."

— Anonymous Lunch at the Library Parent

Looking to the Future

During this year, the Lunch at the Library project team has continued to expand relationships with prospective libraries, create space for collaboration among local library staff, and work with libraries and meal sponsors to eliminate barriers to participation across the state.

The \$5.486 million in grant funding distributed by the State Library allowed libraries to increase the amount of time spent developing partnerships. Through these partnerships, libraries were able to provide families with over 300,000 pounds of donated food in addition to the summer meals given to children. Libraries also developed robust awareness campaigns that increased participation in summer meal programs and created strategies to overcome transportation barriers for participants. Program funds allowed libraries to develop innovative ideas to address many of the barriers facing low-income families.

For the 2024-2025 fiscal year grant funding has been reduced to \$3 million. This decrease means the California State Library can no longer support these innovative ideas which increase attendance and feed more families. The State Library team will focus on core Lunch at the Library operations including library meal sites, pop-up visits at community meal sites, Farm to Summer, and wraparound learning and enrichment programs. The Lunch at the Library project team will support library staff in leveraging local partnerships to provide transportation, distribute additional food, and raise awareness among families.

Nevertheless, to the extent resources allow, in 2025 the State Library will work to increase the number of participating library jurisdictions and Lunch at the Library meal sites by providing interested library staff with opportunities to visit successful library meal sites, develop new partnerships, and provide technical assistance, professional development opportunities, and support to libraries and their partners.



A young girl eats lunch at the Lodi Public Library.

“You guys are putting a smile to our hungry kids. Thank you.”

— Anonymous Lunch at the Library Parent

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 & Enrichment Programs at Community Meal Sites	Meals Provided at Community Meal Sites on Days Library Visited
Alameda			\$144,834.00	25	9	115	5,230	11	250
Berkeley Public Library	14	7	\$11,925.00	5	1	34	820	0	0
Hayward Public Library	20	10	\$12,640.00	2	2	18	1,002	0	0
Oakland Public Library	14, 18	7	\$120,269.00	18	6	63	3,408	11	250
Butte				6	1	25	661	12	520
Butte County Library	3	1	Extension of funds from 2023	6	1	25	661	12	520
Calaveras			\$85,172.00	8	8	245	8,477	1	0
Calaveras County Library	8, 9	4	\$85,172.00	8	8	245	8,477	1	0
Contra Costa			\$44,000.00	26	8	192	6,194	11	1,007
Contra Costa County Library	11, 14-16	3, 7, 9	\$44,000.00	26	8	192	6,194	11	1,007
Del Norte			\$22,714.00	2	0	0	0	22	525
Del Norte County Library District	2	2	\$22,714.00	2	0	0	0	22	525
Glenn			\$7,096.00	5	0	0	0	25	291
Orland Free Library	3	1	\$3,674.00	4	0	0	0	4	291
Willows Public Library	3	1	\$3,422.00	1	0	0	0	21	900
Imperial			\$90,517.00	5	3	136	7,893	17	340
Camarena Memorial Public Library	36	18	\$29,999.00	2	1	62	2,183	0	0
El Centro Public Library	36	18	\$32,100.00	2	1	30	3,600	0	0
Imperial Public Library	36	18	\$28,418.00	1	1	44	2,110	17	340
Kern			\$254,312.00	22	21	2,675	16,792	0	0
Kern County Library	32, 34, 35	12, 16	\$254,312.00	22	21	2,675	16,792	0	0
Kings			\$9,059.00	7	0	0	0	17	962
Kings County Library	33	16	\$9,059.00	7	0	0	0	17	962

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Los Angeles			\$691,946.00	193	27	201	21,419	146	15,260
Alhambra Civic Center Library	49	25	\$5,984.00	1	0	0	0	12	2,332
Altadena Library District	41	25	\$46,750.00	2	1	42	988	0	0
Azusa City Library	48	22	\$28,458.00	1	1	45	1,016	0	0
City Of Commerce Public Library	54	30, 33	\$4,998.00	4	0	0	0	12	125
Glendale Library, Arts & Culture	44, 52	25	\$8,290.00	8	0	0	0	9	1,190
Inglewood Public Library	61	35	\$56,033.00	2	1	8	405	5	384
La County Library	34, 39-44, 48, 49, 51, 52, 54-57, 61, 62, 64-67, 69	20, 22-26, 28, 30, 33-36	\$400,073.00	85	20	45	11,963	0	0
Los Angeles Public Library	40, 42-44, 46, 51, 52, 54, 55, 57, 61, 65, 66	20, 24, 26-28, 35	\$39,286.00	73	0	0	0	74	4,624
Monrovia Public Library	41	25	\$6,400.00	1	0	0	0	9	939
Palmdale City Library	39	23	\$14,961.00	1	0	0	0	10	4,136
Pasadena Public Library	41	25	\$29,142.00	10	1	49	1,619	9	546
Santa Clarita Public Library	40	23	\$33,696.00	3	2	12	4,103	0	0
Whittier Public Library	56	30	\$17,875.00	2	1	0	1,325	6	984
Madera			\$8,111.00	5	0	0	0	12	1,021
Madera County Library	8, 27	4, 14	\$8,111.00	5	0	0	0	12	1,021
Marin			\$12,000.00	10	0	0	0	17	1,155
Marin County Free Library	12	2	\$12,000.00	10	0	0	0	17	1,155
Mendocino			\$19,922.00	6	2	34	319	17	1,568
Mendocino County Library	2	2	\$19,922.00	6	2	34	319	17	1,568
Monterey			\$225,213.00	16	16	785	15,352	47	4,960

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Monterey County Free Libraries	29, 30	17	\$225,213.00	16	16	785	15,352	47	4,960
Nevada			\$79,564.00	6	2	78	2,637	19	626
Nevada County Library	1	1, 4	\$79,564.00	6	2	78	2,637	19	626
Orange			\$375,359.00	45	12	340	24,521	74	1,960
Anaheim Public Library	59, 67, 68	34, 37	\$201,688.00	8	3	55	2,275	65	1,352
Buena Park Library District	67	36	\$19,150.00	1	1	20	2,142	9	608
Orange County Public Libraries	59, 64, 67, 70-74	30, 34, 36-38	\$135,287.00	32	6	222	17,977	0	0
Orange Public Library	59, 68	37	\$12,758.00	3	1	27	1,487	0	0
Placentia Library District	59	37	\$6,476.00	1	1	16	640	0	0
Placer			\$10,300.00	3	0	0	0	8	396
Roseville Public Library	5	6	\$10,300.00	3	0	0	0	8	396
Plumas			\$8,534.00	8	0	0	0	14	520
Plumas County Library	1	1	\$8,534.00	8	0	0	0	14	520
Riverside			\$641,201.00	49	17	728	48,881	97	7,152
Banning Library District	47	19	\$3,435.00	1	0	0	0	9	70
Beaumont Library District	47	19	\$21,887.00	1	1	70	3,142	0	0
Moreno Valley Public Library	60	31	\$58,888.00	3	1	46	7,838	15	2,867
Murrieta Public Library	71	32	\$11,700.00	1	0	0	0	16	1,675
Riverside County Library System	36, 47, 58, 60, 63, 71	18, 19, 31, 32	\$494,843.00	35	13	548	14,613	17	449
Riverside Public Library	58, 63	31, 32	\$50,448.00	8	2	64	23,288	40	2,091
Sacramento			\$261,812.00	28	14	418	10,367	39	2,669
Sacramento Public Library	6, 7, 9, 10	3, 6, 8	\$261,812.00	28	14	418	10,367	39	2,669
San Benito				1	1	22	771	0	0
San Benito County Library	29	17	Extension of funds from 2023	1	1	22	771	0	0

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San Bernardino			\$118,838.00	8	3	151	14,682	4	57
A. K. Smiley Public Library	50	19	\$16,566.00	1	1	8	4,153	0	0
Ontario City Library	53	22	\$35,522.00	2	1	68	5,329	0	0
San Bernardino Public Library	45	29	\$8,900.00	4	0	0	0	4	57
Upland Public Library	53	29	\$57,850.00	1	1	75	5,200	0	0
San Diego			\$624,528.00	77	16	1,500	37,532	63	2,248
Chula Vista Public Library	80	18	\$13,233.00	3	2	52	959	0	0
National City Public Library	80	18	\$25,000.00	1	1	81	499	0	0
Oceanside Public Library	74	38	\$200,741.00	4	4	203	7,163	11	294
San Diego County Library	74-80	18, 32, 38-40	\$120,402.00	33	6	809	25,543	0	0
San Diego Public Library	75-80	18, 38-40	\$265,152.00	36	3	355	3,368	52	1,954
San Francisco			\$42,500.00	28	1	30	1,210	0	0
San Francisco Public Library	17, 19	11	\$42,500.00	28	1	30	1,210	0	0
San Joaquin			\$30,663.00	1	1	32	4,954	0	0
Lodi Public Library	9	5	\$30,663.00	1	1	32	4,954	0	0
San Luis Obispo			\$57,700.00	16	4	53	2,152	13	1,121
Paso Robles City Library	30	17	\$26,000.00	2	3	37	1,576	0	0
San Luis Obispo City-County Library	30, 37	17, 21	\$31,700.00	14	1	16	576	13	1,121
San Mateo			\$138,329.00	21	3	94	6,451	51	7,115
Daly City Public Library	19	11	\$6,663.00	4	0	0	0	15	4,290
Redwood City Public Library	21	13	\$6,536.00	3	0	0	0	6	162
San Bruno Public Library	21	13	\$5,324.00	1	0	0	0	8	125

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San Mateo County Libraries	21, 23	13	\$119,806.00	13	3	94	6,451	22	2,538
Santa Barbara			\$110,694.00	10	2	115	2,649	52	4,372
Lompoc Public Library	37	21	\$17,759.00	2	1	25	1,549	0	0
Santa Barbara Public Library	37	21	\$85,197.00	3	1	90	1,100	40	3,537
Santa Maria Public Library	37	21	\$7,738.00	5	0	0	0	12	835
Santa Clara			\$120,941.00	36	2	57	5,242	112	6,961
San Jose Public Library	23-26, 28	10, 15	\$54,072.00	25	0	0	0	97	5,407
Santa Clara City Library	26	10	\$4,023.00	3	0	0	0	10	939
Santa Clara County Library	23, 24, 26, 28, 29	10, 13, 15	\$62,846.00	8	2	57	5,242	5	615
Santa Cruz			\$9,673.00	10	0	0	0	14	993
Santa Cruz Public Libraries	28, 30	17	\$9,673.00	10	0	0	0	14	993
Shasta			\$40,000.00	3	1	137	2,294	0	0
Shasta Public Libraries	1	1	\$40,000.00	3	1	137	2,294	0	0
Solano			\$93,001.00	9	4	93	12,124	0	0
Solano County Library	11	3	\$93,001.00	9	4	93	12,124	0	0
Sonoma			\$275,629.00	15	8	74	4,379	46	4,379
Sonoma County Library	2, 4, 12	2, 3	\$275,629.00	15	8	74	4,379	46	4,379
Stanislaus			\$41,800.00	13	1	60	2,200	31	609
Stanislaus County Free Library	9, 22	4	\$41,800.00	13	1	60	2,200	31	609
Sutter			\$66,728.00	3	1	91	3,540	28	2,562
Sutter County Library	3	1	\$66,728.00	3	1	91	3,540	28	2,562
Tulare			\$135,041.00	18	9	256	4,946	46	3,487
Porterville Public Library	33	16	\$24,827.00	1	1	182	2,272	0	0
Tulare County Free Library	32, 33	12, 16	\$110,214.00	17	8	74	2,674	46	3,487
Ventura			\$136,305.00	18	3	129	4,140	57	3,206

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Blanchard/Santa Paula Public Library District	38	21	\$10,565.00	1	1	75	1,815	0	0
Camarillo Public Library	38	21	\$4,096.00	1	0	0	0	6	340
Simi Valley Public Library	42	27	\$7,542.00	1	0	0	0	7	1,190
Thousand Oaks Library	42	27	\$11,653.00	2	0	0	0	22	646
Ventura County Library	38, 42	21, 27	\$102,449.00	13	2	54	2,325	22	1,030
Yolo			\$58,356.00	9	1	520	2,578	23	1,780
Woodland Public Library	4	3	\$40,895.00	1	1	520	2,578	1	20
Yolo County Library	4	3	\$17,461.00	8	0	0	0	22	1,760
TOTALS			\$5,092,392	766	201	10,752	360,234	1,146	80,072

Appendix C: Innovation Grants Funding by Library Jurisdiction

Innovation — \$994,632 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 (\$126,799)** conducted a robust awareness campaign to promote STEAM and Farm to Summer activities at library locations and community meal sites. The library also provided transportation from community meal sites where pop-up library services were taking place to a library location where Farm to Summer activities were taking place.
- **Inglewood Public Library (\$39,590)** created a library community garden with year-round activities that provided fresh produce to Lunch at the Library participants while conducting enrichment programs focused on nutrition, agriculture, and environmental awareness.
- **Monterey County Free Libraries (\$28,248)** continued coalition building efforts from last summer to address food insecurity in the area, created a podcast with teen volunteers and local agencies discussing regional food issues, and provided a “program in box” for all library branches which featured reusable items for enrichment programs focused on nutrition, gardening, and physical activity.
- **Oceanside Public Library (\$97,527)** created a strategic awareness raising campaign in collaboration with local partners while strengthening the library’s role as a convener to support food and nutrition efforts in the area.
- **Paso Robles City Library (\$20,200)** collaborated with local partners to develop or expand community meal sites throughout the area, provide food for adult participants, and have food demonstrations lead by teen interns in a culinary program.
- **Riverside County Library (\$200,000)** conducted a large-scale awareness raising campaign focused on increasing attendance at Lunch at the Library meal sites. The project included digital billboards on local freeways, movie theater and radio advertisements, visits by popular authors, and enrichment programs.
- **Sacramento Public Library (\$26,569)** worked with local partners to conduct food demonstrations and nutrition education alongside food bank distribution and CalFresh applications.
- **San Diego County Library (\$42,000)** provided food pantries at 10 library branches alongside enrichment programming.
- **San Diego Public Library (\$190,885)** created a regional marketing campaign for San Diego summer meal sites and developed accessible and inclusive enrichment programs for underserved communities, specifically those that are unhoused, unaccompanied, LGBTQ+, or disabled.
- **San Mateo County Library (\$32,163)** provided food literacy enrichment programs for patrons in partnership with local food banks and CalFresh.
- **Santa Barbara Public Library (\$24,630)** created a targeted marketing campaign for underserved communities which included a float in a local parade. Other activities included a health and

nutrition resource fair and cooking classes focused on nutrition and eliminating food waste.

- **Sonoma County Library (\$50,000)** partnered with a local children's museum to establish an exhibit in a mall as a summer meal site.
- **Sutter County Library (\$43,008)** partnered with a local food bank and the county health department to provide cooking demonstrations based on ingredients provided in a food box distribution. They also hosted a children's farmers markets where youth "purchased" donated food to support financial literacy.
- **Upland Public Library (\$19,763)** created a professional social media campaign to raise awareness about the program.
- **Ventura County Library (\$53,250)** developed food pantries at library locations, created a community garden, and conducted enrichment programs focused on agriculture and STEAM concepts.

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