"Lunch at the Library" Partnership Announced

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Sacramento, Calif. – The California State Library is pleased to announce that the Pacific Library Partnership will be the administrative partner for the Lunch at the Library program, 2019-2020.

Lunch at the Library helps California's children and teens access nutritious meals and learning and enrichment programs during summer vacation when school is out.

Each year, nearly two million children and teens who are eligible for summer meals do not get them. "We strongly encourage California's public libraries to take part in Lunch at the Library," said Deputy State Librarian Rebecca Wendt. "Libraries play a vital role in connecting more California students with the nutrition and opportunities they need."

Grant funds will be announced soon to help California's public libraries:
- develop existing summer meal programs
- start new summer meal programs
- create programs and services to enhance their meal service
- take library programming to other community-based summer meal sites

For program information, please contact Natalie Cole at natalie.cole@library.ca.gov.

Lunch at the Library is a project of the California State Library, with $1M in funding from the State of California. Lunch at the Library was developed by the California Library Association and the California Summer Meal Coalition, with support from the David and Lucile Packard Foundation.

About the State Library: Founded in 1850, the California State Library has an extensive collection of documents from and about the state's rich history, ranging from books, maps, miners' diaries, newspapers, and periodicals to photographs, paintings and posters. The State Library also holds federal and state publications, and is home to the Bernard E. Witkin State Law Library, and the Braille and Talking Book Library. State Library website

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