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LA County Library's Annual Summer *Lunch at the Library* Program is Back with Grab & Go Lunches for Kids & Teens at Select Libraries

Starting June 16, LA County Library Will Provide Free, Nutritious Lunches for Pick-up at 24 Library Locations, Tuesday — Friday, 12 — 1 pm

This summer, LA County Library continues its annual Lunch at the Library program, providing free lunches for teens and children, but shifting to a grab-and-go, no-contact pickup, to allow for physical distancing. Lunches are available from June 16 – August 7*, Tuesday – Friday, 12 – 1 pm at the following 24 LA County Library locations:

A C Bilbrew **Huntington Park** Lynwood Angelo M. Iacoboni La Puente Paramount **Baldwin Park** Lake Los Angeles Quartz Hill Carson Lancaster **Rowland Heights** Compton Lawndale San Fernando Leland R. Weaver San Gabriel El Camino Real South Whittier El Monte Lennox Hawthorne Los Nietos West Covina

For more information, visit LACountyLibrary.org/SummerLunch.

Since 2015, LA County Library has been offering free lunch to kids and teens during the summer months while school is not in session. In these unprecedented times, LA County Library recognizes the importance of supporting its communities. Because more and more parents are working from home and caring for their children, Lunch at the Library helps ensure that families have access to wholesome meals.

"This will be the sixth consecutive year that LA County Library has offered free lunches through this program," said LA County Library Director, Skye Patrick. "In our ever-changing world, we have to find unique ways to provide for our communities, and I am excited to continue this partnership with the Parks Department to provide these essential services."

Lunch at the Library is a partnership between LA County Library and the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, and is supported by the California Summer Meal Coalition and California Library Association. This program is supported by a grant from the California State Library.

About LA County Library

Founded in 1912, LA County Library is one of the largest and most innovative library systems in the US. It offers free public resources including books, music, multimedia materials, computer and internet access, and educational and recreational services to 3.4 million residents across 3,000 square miles through its 86 community libraries and mobile fleet of 14 vehicles, including 3 bookmobiles, 6 MākMō (maker mobiles), and 5 Reading Machines. LA County Library is dedicated to reducing barriers and increasing

^{*}No lunches are available on July 3.

access to and equity of public services for all. To learn more, visit <u>LACountyLibrary.org</u> and follow @LACountyLibrary on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram.</u>

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