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LA County Library's Annual Lunch at the Library Program Returns

Nutritious Grab & Go Meals for Kids & Teens at 20 Libraries This Summer, Starting June 14

LA County Library's annual *Lunch at the Library* program returns, providing free grab-and-go meals to kids and teens 18 and under during the summer months. This year, two healthy meals—reheatable lunch and breakfast—will be available daily.

Meals are available for no-contact pickup on a first come, first served basis at select libraries from **June 14 – August 6** (except July 5) based on the following schedule:

Monday – Friday, 12 – 1 pm:

A C Bilbrew Library
Gardena Mayme Dear Library
La Puente Library
Lake Los Angeles Library
Lancaster Library
Live Oak Library
Montebello Library

Norwalk Library
Quartz Hill Library
Rowland Heights Library
San Fernando Library
San Gabriel Library
South Whittier Library

Tuesday – Friday, 12 – 1 pm:

Angelo M. Iacoboni Library El Monte Library
Baldwin Park Library Leland R. Weaver Library
Clifton M. Brakensiek Library Woodcrest Library

Compton Library

There are no restrictions on family income. Parents and caregivers can pick up on behalf of children – kids and teens don't need to be present, but are welcome!

Since 2015, LA County Library has been offering free lunch to kids and teens during the summer months while school is not in session, helping to ensure that families have access to wholesome meals.

"This will be the seventh consecutive year we have offered free meals through this program," said LA County Library Director, Skye Patrick. "We know families depend on lunch and snack programs to provide free, nutritious food for their children when they are away from school. We are excited to partner with the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank to provide this essential service."

Lunch at the Library is a partnership between LA County Library and the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank 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.

For more information and the schedule, visit <u>LACountyLibrary.org/SummerLunch.</u>

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 85 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 access to and equity of public services for all. To learn more, visit LACountyLibrary.org and follow @LACountyLibrary on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.

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