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Tuesday, May 29, 2018 Contra Costa County Library (925) 608-7700

## Contra Costa County Library serving free, healthy lunches to kids and teens

The Contra Costa County Library is serving free lunches to kids at nine library locations in the county this summer in an effort to prevent a summer nutrition gap. Many low-income children face nutrient deficiencies when school closes for the summer break.

"Poor nutrition can make it harder for children to learn and succeed," said County Librarian Melinda Cervantes. "We want to help families get nutritious meals even when school is out of session."

Lunch at the Library is part of a statewide collaboration between the California Library Association (CLA) and the California Summer Meal Coalition to unite libraries and summer meal providers and keep kids healthy and engaged when school is out.

In addition to lunch, the libraries will offer a variety of free programs including board games, arts and crafts, musical performances, Legos, movies, and more. Lunches are free for kids and teens 18 and under. For more information about the Lunch at the Library program visit, <a href="mailto:ccclib.org/summer">ccclib.org/summer</a>.

Lunch at the Library locations and schedule:

#### Antioch

501 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays: 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. June 11 – July 18 For more information, call (925) 757-9224

### Concord

2900 Salvio Street Tuesday and Thursdays: 1 - 2 p.m. June 19 – July 12 For more information, call (925) 646-5455

#### Crockett

991 Loring Avenue Wednesdays and Fridays: 12 - 1 p.m. June 13 – August 10 For more information, call (510) 787-2345

## **El Cerrito**

6510 Stockton Avenue

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays: 12 - 1 p.m.

June 12 – August 9

For more information, call (510) 526-7512

### Martinez

740 Court Street

Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays: 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

June 18 – August 10

For more information, call (925) 646-9900

### Pinole

2935 Pinole Valley Road

Mondays and Fridays: 12:30 - 1:30

June 11 – August 10

For more information, call (510) 758-2741

## **Pittsburg**

80 Power Avenue

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays: 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

June 12 – August 3

For more information, call (925) 427-8390

### Rodeo

220 Pacific Avenue

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays: 1 - 2 p.m.

June 11 – August 16

For more information, call (510) 799-2606

# San Pablo Library

13751 San Pablo Avenue

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays: 12 - 2 p.m.

June 11 – August 16

For more information, call (510) 374-3998

Support for Summer Lunch at the Library, a collaboration between the California Library Association and the California Summer Meal Coalition, is provided by the David and Lucile Packard Foundation. For more information about the project, visit <a href="www.cla-net.org">www.cla-net.org</a>.

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