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## Summer Meals at Clarksburg and West Sacramento Libraries

**(Woodland, CA)** – FREE meals will be served to children from June 6 through August 3 at two library locations:

- Clarksburg Branch Library, 52915 Netherlands Avenue in Clarksburg
  - 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
  - Ages 0-18. No registration required.
- Arthur F. Turner Community Library, Merkley Avenue in West Sacramento
  - 12:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
  - Ages 0-18. No registration required.

Providing meals at the library promotes literacy and helps prevent the summer slide in learning. According to the California Library Association, “By serving meals and offering complementary literacy programs during the summer, our program is feeding children during the summer and engaging low-income families with their local public library: the one free community space that sustains democracy, levels the playing field, values the individual, nourishes creativity, opens young minds, builds community, supports families, builds technology skills, and offers sanctuary—all free of charge to the user.”

This is the third year that the Yolo County Library has been involved in a summer meal program. Last year, 974 meals were served through the Lunch at the Library program to children at the Clarksburg Branch Library and the Arthur F. Turner Community Library. Children who participated last year said they liked the program because:

- “It’s the only time I can eat.”
- “I learned that the food pyramid is important.”
- “I meet good friends and...all the staff are nice.”
- “It is fun.”
- “I like the free lunch and the learning experience.”
- One parent even commented that this program is a “real sanity saver.”

This program is sponsored by the California Summer Meal Coalition, USDA Summer Food Service Program, and YMCA of Superior California (sponsor for Clarksburg).

For more information about the Yolo County Library, visit: [www.yolocountylibrary.org](http://www.yolocountylibrary.org) or connect with the library on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/yolocountylibrary.org](http://www.facebook.com/yolocountylibrary.org).

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