PARTICIPATE IN SUMMER MEALS

FEEDING YOUR COMMUNITY: SUMMER MEALS AT LIBRARIES IN 2020

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Introductions

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Overview:
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Q&A

What is the
Summer Food Service Program?

Summer Food Service Program

A federally -funded, state-administered program.

Reimburses providers who serve free healthy meals to children and teens in low-income areas during the summer months when school is not in session.

… OR DURING UNANTICIPATED SCHOOL CLOSURES FROM OCTOBER TO APRIL

WHO DOES THE PROGRAM SERVE?

Serves children and teens age 18 and younger.

Area Eligibility

We want to feed kids where there is a need!

- 50% Free and Reduced
- Some areas that haven't qualified in years past may qualify this year.
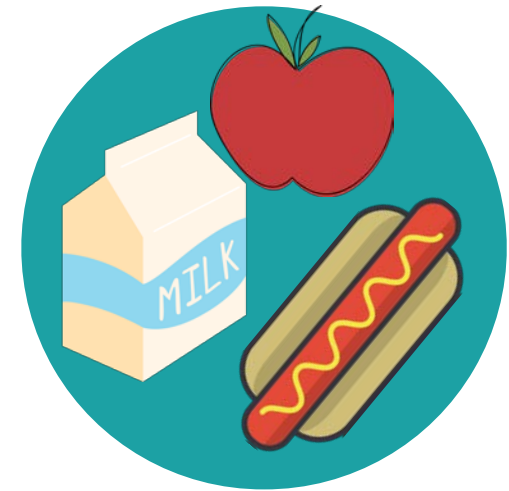- Contact your state/sponsor to learn more.

HOW IT WORKS

STATE

Administer the program and communicate with USDA.

SPONSOR

Enters into agreements with State agencies to run the program.
Reimbursed by the Program and may manage multiple sites. (**prepare meals**)

SITE

Places in the community where children receive meals in a safe and supervised environment .
(**serve meals**)
(no food prep)

LIBRARIES MAKE GREAT SITES!

- Everyone is welcome at the library
- Open long hours
- Open evenings with afterschool programs – dinner, snacks
- Know as a place to get stuff for free
- Learning and enrichment activities that help with summer slide
- Safe

VALUE TO LIBRARIES

• Attracts new families to library services and expands existing patrons' knowledge of available library resources.

• New partnerships with schools, other city and county agencies, and community partners.

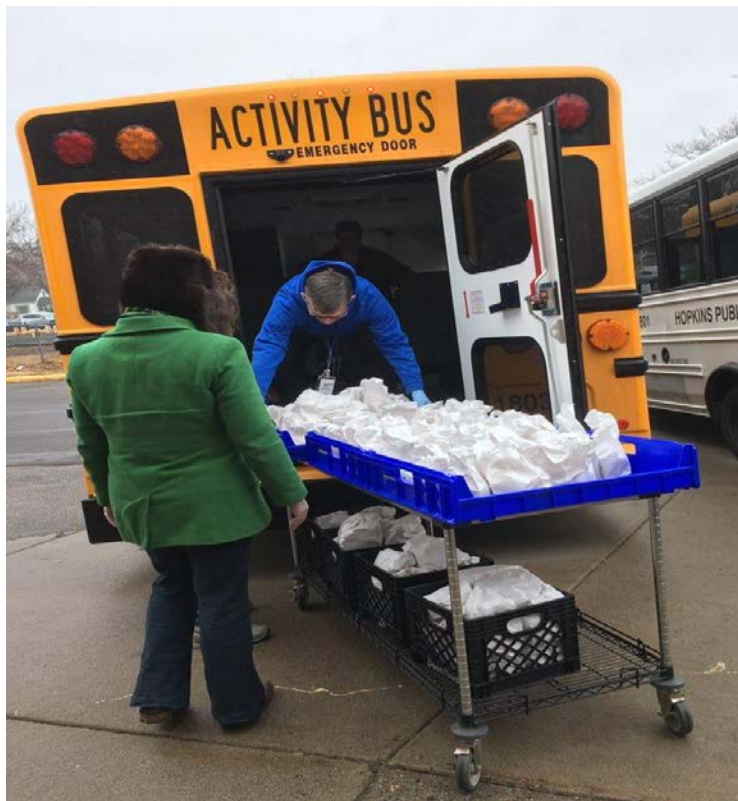• Visibility and credibility for library services and resources.

WHY THIS YEAR?

- **Unemployment high**

- **Families need assistance**

- **Need safe and trusted locations to serve**

Library = Community

Libraries are community spaces in the heart of the neighborhood.

People trust their local library and value it's role in the community

Summer 2020

Many regulatory flexibilities
this summer, here are a few...

- Non-congregate

- Grab and Go

- Parents can pick up meals

- Must use safety measures

(contact your local health authority)

Summer 2020

- Area Eligibility
- Meal Pattern
- Don't have to run traditional operations
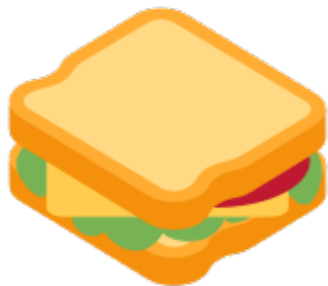
SUMMER MEALS IN LIBRARIES

EXAMPLE: IOWA

In 2019
- 17 libraries operated summer meals sites in Iowa.

In 2020, with the start of the unanticipated school closures
- 18 libraries served as distribution locations for Grab 'n Go meals, predominantly in small rural communities across the state.

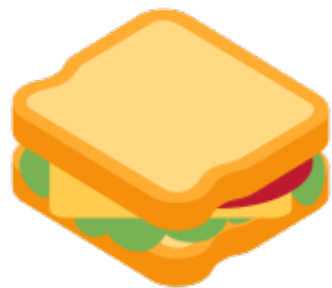- Of these 18 libraries, 17 had not previously participated in SFSP.

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EXAMPLE: ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MO

- BECAME DRIVE-THROUGH OR PICK-UP LOCATIONS FOR GRAB-AND-GO MEALS

- COLLABORATING WITH OPERATION FOOD SEARCH, A NONPROFIT THAT DISTRIBUTES FOOD

- FREE DRIVE-THROUGH FOOD PICKUPS IN NINE OF THEIR LIBRARIES

WHO ARE THE SPONSORS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

EXAMPLES:

SCHOOLS

FOOD BANKS
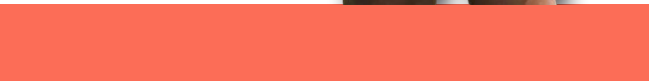
CHURCHES

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB (NON PROFITS)

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENTS

HOUSING AUTHORITY

POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUES

HOW DO I FIND A SPONSOR?

USDA MAPPING TOOL:
WWW.FNS.USDA.GOV/MEALS4KIDS

CALL:
1-866-348-6479 TO FIND A SPONSOR/SITES NEAR YOU

TEXT to find a site near you:

Text "SUMMER MEALS" TO 97779

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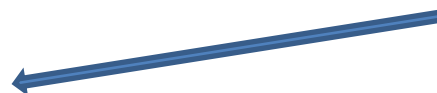
CONTACT STATE

THEY CAN CONNECT YOU

WWW.FNS.USDA.GOV/SFSP/SUMMER-FOOD-SERVICE-PROGRAM

POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE

Southbridge, MA

Mapping Tool
www.fns.usda.gov/meals4kids

Type your location or address into the interactive map to find directions to nearby sites as well as hours of

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- Learn why organizations throughout the country serve Summer Meals
- Contact your State agency to talk about how you can get involved
- Find Summer Meals promotional materials

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