CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION

AGENDA ATTACHMENT 1

MEETING DATE: Thursday, July 26, 2018
AGENDA ITEM #: 7.A.
ITEM: SUMMER READING AND LUNCH AT THE LIBRARY

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

No action required.
SUMMER READING

HELLO!
I am Amy Mockoski
Librarian Specialist- Youth Services
7,719 babies, kids, teens & adults completed Summer Reading in 2017

5,444 people attended County funded events celebrating Summer Reading in 2017

99% of the 1424 people surveyed about Summer Reading agreed, or strongly agreed, that they felt welcome at their library

Summer Reading promotes all kinds of learning for all ages
Summer Reading is a Key Library Service

Fights Summer Slide
Students that don't read over the summer "slide" back at least 2 months, and research shows that Summer Reading and access to reading materials helps combat the slide.

Celebrates reading and summer learning
Summer Reading is the perfect opportunity to celebrate reading and STE(A)M learning.

Promotes Good Early Literacy Practices
Baby Summer Reading is designed to promote talking, singing, playing, writing and reading.

Levels the playing field
Access to free learning opportunities and books is especially important for lower-income families that are statistically more likely to suffer achievement loss over the summer.

Encourages use of the library and collections
Summer is not break time for the public library! Libraries are busy and books are checking out.

Positions library as the literacy center
Families recognize the library as partners in the educational journey of their children and teens.

For KIDS, TEENS and ADULTS

READING TAKES YOU EVERYWHERE

SUMMER READING JUNE 4 - AUGUST 4

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Cool Events Across the County
Outreach to Underserved Communities

- School assemblies
- Events with Housing Authority
- Food Bank grocery distribution
- Summer schools
- North Richmond Community Center
- WIC (Women, Infants, Children) clinics
- Head Start

Lunch at the Library
### Contra Costa County Lunch Participation 2014-2018

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### COMMUNITY PARTNERS

[Logos of various community partners]
Why is *Lunch at the Library* important?

Summer meal programs help combat childhood hunger and obesity when school is out by providing free, healthy meals to children and teens in low-income neighborhoods.

Summer meals and summer reading events work together to provide nourishment and help prevent summer learning loss.
Libraries are natural spaces for serving meals to children whose access to lunch disappears when school ends and summer begins.

Libraries are community spaces in the heart of the neighborhood.

They welcome all and they provide access, free of charge.
Playing With Your Food

Exploring Food Literacy with Young Learners

- Where our food comes from.
- Shopping for a rainbow of foods.
- Eating balanced meals.
- Sugar in drinks.
- Physical activity.

Thank You!

Do you have any questions?

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“The program is a blessing to our family. Our kids have days full of fun filled activities and a healthy lunch instead of having to stay home all summer due to finances.”

— California Lunch @ Library parent