

WHY LIBRARIES AND SUMMER MEALS?

Libraries are free and open to all, welcome children and teens, offer engaging programs, and typically have a community meeting room or space where food may be served.



BENEFITS TO THE LIBRARY:

Access to new groups, especially underserved and marginalized populations.



Increased visibility of the library as a community asset.

Opportunities for new partnerships.



Support for summer library program through increased attendance.



HELPFUL LINKS

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/summer-food-service-program>

<https://www.csllpreads.org/libraries-and-summer-food/>

WHAT'S NEEDED?*

- Staff and/or volunteers.
- Designated room or space, inside or outside.
- A sponsor.

*There are also eligibility guidelines for the USDA Summer Food Service Program. See the USDA and CSLP links for details.

GETTING STARTED

- Establish room or space to use.
- Determine what days and hours to serve and which meals to serve.
- Find a sponsor.
- Complete training and any paperwork.

