



Lunch At The Library Summer 2026 Program

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The Ask

That the City Council accept grant funding in the amount of \$12,600 from the California State Library to host the Lunch at the Library Summer 2026 Program at the Corona Public Library.

Background

- Lunch at the Library has been offered by the California State Library since 2013
- This grant provides meals to children during summer months while school is closed
- Corona Public Library participated in Lunch at the Library from 2018 – 2021 and served over 8,000 meals
- After the pandemic, CNUSD expanded brown bag lunch sites eliminating the need for the program
- CNUSD significantly reduced meal sites in 2025



A young girl with dark hair, wearing a grey t-shirt, is sitting at a table and reading a large, colorful book to a younger child. The younger child, wearing a purple shirt, is looking at the book. On the table, there are several brown paper food containers, some containing corn on the cob and orange slices. A carton of Borden's milk is also visible. The background shows other people and chairs, suggesting a library or community center setting.

Corona Public Library Awarded \$12,600 in Lunch at the Library Grant Funds for Summer 2026

June 8, 2026 – July 30, 2026



Lunch at the Library

CNUSD Partnership

Lunch provided by CNUSD Child Nutrition Services for FREE



Who Qualifies?

- All children 18 and under.
- No qualifying paperwork or income requirements



When is Lunch?

- Lunch offered at the Corona Public Library Tue. & Thurs. from 12:30-2:30pm



How Many Lunches?

- Expected to serve 100 lunches per day
- Number of lunches can be modified up or down as needed

Lunch at the Library

2026 Spending Breakdown

\$632

Supplies & Materials

Supplies and materials needed for meal service for a total of 1,600 lunches.



\$6,704

Teen Volunteers

Hiring of 4 teen paid volunteers to serve lunch and facilitate Lunch at the Library programs. This is an opportunity for teens to develop leadership and workforce readiness skills.



\$5,264

Enrichment Programs

8 enrichment programs (1 per week) that focus on the topics of music, literacy, theater, science, and farm-to-table education.



Lunch at the Library

Teen Volunteers



Who Qualifies?

- All teens ages 14-17 who complete a volunteer orientation and background check



Recruitment

- Volunteer Program Coordinator will assist with recruiting 4 teens for this paid volunteer opportunity
- Teens will be paid a stipend of \$1,620 for 90 hours of work



Lunch at the Library

Enrichment & Literacy Programs



Lunch & Movie

Patrons will enjoy a family-friendly movie each Tuesday along with their meal



Lunch & Learn

- Educational performances/presentations:
 - Haynes Marionettes show and puppet lesson
 - Alfredo Ortiz Harpist
 - Louie Cruz Beltran's percussion presentation
 - Science Heroes presentation
 - Bilingual storytime and music presentation
 - Dan Gutman Virtual Author presentation





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