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## **OC PUBLIC LIBRARIES PARTNERS WITH LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO BRING FREE SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAMS TO CHILDREN IN ORANGE COUNTY**

*Beginning June 3, the Lunch at the Library program will serve free meals in Costa Mesa, Garden Grove, Lake Forest, San Juan Capistrano and Tustin.*

**Orange County, Calif.** (May 29, 2019) – OC Public Libraries are pleased to announce the 2019 *Lunch at the Library* program, beginning June 3. Any child age 18 and under will receive a free lunch at participating branches for the duration of the program. Last summer, approximately 14,000 free lunches were served in Orange County.

*Lunch at the Library* launched in 2016 at the Garden Grove Chapman branch and expanded to five branches in 2018. For 2019, the program will include the Costa Mesa Donald Dungan, El Toro (in the city of Lake Forest), Garden Grove Chapman, Garden Grove Main, San Juan Capistrano, and Tustin branches. OC Public Libraries will be partnering with the California State Library, Capistrano Unified School District, Garden Grove Unified School District, Newport Mesa Unified School District, Saddleback Valley Unified School District, and Tustin Unified School District to help feed children in their communities.

For many families in Orange County, the stability, nutrition, and education provided by the school lunch program, school day, and after-school programs, ends when school lets out for summer. The summer months can mean reduced or limited access to healthy food, learning and enrichment programs, and safe places to gather and be active. *Lunch at the Library* helps ensure all children are nourished and engaged during the summer months.

More information can be found at [www.ocpl.org/lunch](http://www.ocpl.org/lunch). A promotional video can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FiSLGLX4GQs&feature=youtu.be>

All lunches will be served from noon to 1 p.m. at participating sites. Schedule and locations are:

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*June 3 – July 26, Monday – Friday,*  
**Tustin Library**, 345 E. Main Street, Tustin, 92780, (714) 544-7725

*June 17 – July 26, Monday – Thursday*  
**Garden Grove Chapman**, 9182 Chapman Avenue, Garden Grove, 92841, (714) 539-2115

*June 17 – July 26, Monday – Friday*  
**Garden Grove Main Library**, 11200 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, 92840, (714) 530-0711  
**El Toro Library**, 24672 Raymond Way, Lake Forest, 92630, (949) 855-8173

*June 17 – August 2, Monday – Thursday*  
**San Juan Capistrano**, 31495 El Camino Real, San Juan Capistrano, 92675, (949) 493-1752

*June 24 – August 2, Monday – Friday*  
**Costa Mesa Donald Dungan**, 1855 Park Ave., Costa Mesa, 92627, (949) 646-8845

*Please note: All branches will be closed July 4 and lunches will not be served on that day.*

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