



SUMMER MEALS THE KING COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM



5 Service Goals

Goal #1: Facilitate early literacy and cultivate young readers

Goal #2: Engage and support teens and children

Goal #3: Encourage lifelong learning (geared towards adults)

Goal #4: Provide personalized information access and assistance

Goal #5: Reach and engage the county's culturally diverse populations

Key Areas of Focus

- Reach people who have never been to a library before; who don't have any currency in what a library is or does.
- Engage with communities that are disadvantaged/low-income and that remain unseen in library service.

Core Beliefs – Practices for Providing Meals & Service

No questions asked

No photos; it's not a 'program'

Help without overwhelming

Research: The Link Tie Between Nutrition and Learning

Childhood Hunger in America

1 in 5 children live in households without consistent access to adequate food = 16 million children

They are more likely to experience headaches, stomachaches, colds, ear infections and fatigue.

Lack of enough nutritious food impairs a child's ability to concentrate and perform well in school.

Children who regularly do not get enough nutritious food to eat have significantly higher levels of behavioral, emotional and academic problems and be more aggressive and anxious.

What's the Nitty Gritty?

Training

Sponsor + Site or Just Site?

Partnership Agreements

Insurance

Refrigeration

Serving the meals

Collecting Stats

Monitoring Meals

Advertising

Added value programs

Research - Resources

[No Kid Hungry](#)

[Healthy Summers for Kids](#)

[Summertime and Weight Gain](#)

[Summer Can Set Kids on the Right – or Wrong – Course](#)

[More Than a Hunch: Kids Lose Learning Skills Over the Summer Months](#)

[Income Affects How Kids Use Technology and Access Knowledge](#)

Federal Way

4 days a week; 24 days of meal service
370 meals served: average of 15 meals a day

Skyway

3 days a week; 15 days of meal service
340 meals served: average of 23 meals a day

2014

710 children and teens served

Boulevard Park	3 days a week: 30 days of meal service 340 lunches served: average of 11 meals a day 291 snacks served : average of 10 snacks a day
Federal Way	5 days a week: 44 days of meal service 594 lunches served: average of 14 meals a day
Kent	3 days a week: 30 days of meal service 1,225 lunches served: average of 41 meals a day
Skyway	3 days a week: 24 days of meal service 244 lunches served: average of 10 meals a day

2015: 2,403 lunches, 291 snacks = 2,694 children and teens served

Partners

Some partners are easier to work with than others

Des Moines Food Bank

Food Lifeline

Federal Way MultiService Center

United Way of King County

State Resources

OSPI [Training](#)

OSPI [State Report Card](#) – use the pulldown to select your school district, then individual school; Free & Reduced-Price Meals

[Summer Food Programs](#)

[Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program](#)

[Within Reach](#) – access to food sites, health services, child development resources

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