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Lunch at the Library Begins
Monday, June 8

Grab-and-Go Meals Available at South County Libraries

WHAT: For the third year in a row, the Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD) is teaming up with its partners at Silicon Valley YMCA and Second Harvest Food Bank of Silicon Valley (SHFB) to offer free, nutritious lunches to children ages 2-18 and their caregivers.

Due to the current Shelter in Place orders, grab-and-go meals will be available at Morgan Hill and Gilroy Libraries three days a week beginning Monday, June 8.

WHO: Santa Clara County Library District, Silicon Valley YMCA and Second Harvest Food Bank of Silicon Valley

WHEN/WHERE:

Gilroy Library (parking lot)
350 W. 6th Street
Gilroy, CA 95020
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
12 – 1 pm

Morgan Hill Library (parking lot)
660 West Main Avenue
Morgan Hill, CA 95037
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
11 – 1 pm

WHY: Childhood hunger runs rampant in the summertime, when school is out of session and kids do not have access to free or reduced-cost breakfast and lunch. The need has been compounded by the COVID-19 crisis, with many individuals and families out of work and unable to buy groceries. According to Second Harvest Food Bank of Silicon Valley, more

than **500,000 people** in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties needed help in April, an **85% increase** since the start of the COVID-19 crisis.

At each Lunch at the Library location, pre-packaged grab-and-go meals (two per person) will be available for children ages 2-18 and their caregivers. The meals will be distributed from the library parking lots for safety reasons. Please adhere to social distancing protocols. SHFB also has a list of resources for residents to get groceries.

About the Santa Clara County Library District

The Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD) promotes knowledge, ideas, and cultural enrichment. Its collection includes more than 2 million books, videos, CDs, DVDs/Blu-rays, audiobooks, eBooks and extensive online resources accessible from anywhere with an internet connection. In 2014, SCCLD celebrated one hundred years of service to local residents.

For the last twelve years, SCCLD has been consistently recognized as one of America's Star Libraries by Library Journal. In 2019, SCCLD was ranked among the top ten libraries in the United States with expenditures over $30 million in their Index of Public Library Service, tops in California. In 2014 and 2019, SCCLD won Innovator Awards from the Urban Libraries Council. SCCLD also received a Challenge Award in 2019 from the California State Association of Counties.

SCCLD includes two bookmobiles, an online library, seven community libraries and one branch library serving Campbell, Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Milpitas, Monte Sereno, Morgan Hill, Saratoga and the unincorporated areas of Santa Clara County. In 2019, SCCLD had over 428,000 library accounts and welcomed 3.4 million visitors, who borrowed 10.2 million items.

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