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Lunch at the Library Food Program

Available to Local Families

Free Grab & Go Meals Will be Offered at Morgan Hill and Gilroy Libraries

WHAT: The Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD) is partnering with Silicon Valley YMCA and Second Harvest Food Bank of Silicon Valley (SHFB) to offer free, nutritious grab and go meals (includes breakfast and lunch) to children ages 0-18 and their caregivers.

Meals will be available at Morgan Hill Library beginning Monday, June 13 and Gilroy Library starting Tuesday, June 21. No registration is necessary.

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

WHEN/WHERE: **Morgan Hill Library (pick up in Program Room)**
660 West Main Avenue
Morgan Hill, CA 95037
Monday-Friday, 12 – 1 p.m. (while supplies last)

Gilroy Library (parking lot facing Wheeler Community Center)
350 W. 6th Street
Gilroy, CA 95020
Monday-Friday, 12 – 1 p.m. (while supplies last)

WHY: The summer months are often a difficult time for families who rely on school meals to feed their kids and teens. Times are tougher as the cost of food and gas, along with high inflation are financially hurting local families even more.

At each Lunch at the Library location, pre-packaged grab-and-go meals will be available for children 0-18 and their caregivers. Each package contains a breakfast and lunch.

Second Harvest Food Bank also has a [list of resources](#) for residents to get groceries.

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About the Santa Clara County Library District

The Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD) promotes knowledge, ideas, and cultural enrichment. Founded in 1914, its collection includes just under 2 million books, videos, CDs, DVDs/Blu-rays, and audiobooks, plus extensive online resources accessible from anywhere with an internet connection, including eBooks, eAudiobooks, and digital music.

For the last fourteen years, *Library Journal* has recognized SCCLD as one of America's Star Libraries, and in 2021, SCCLD was rated a 5-Star library in their Index of Public Library Service, one of only five library systems in the United States with expenditures over \$30 million given this honor. 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 and an Innovative Project of the Year Award (*Large District*) from the *California Special Districts Association* in 2020.

SCCLD includes two bookmobiles, an online library, seven community libraries and one branch library, serving the cities of Campbell, Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Milpitas, Monte Sereno, Morgan Hill, Saratoga, and the unincorporated areas of Santa Clara County. SCCLD has over 455,000 library accounts, with nearly a million unique website visits, and a circulation of 9.2 million items in calendar year 2021.

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