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SUBJECT: ***Lunch at the Library* Program at Avenue Library**

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## DATE: June 17 through July 25, 2019

**Avenue Library, one of the twelve library branches of Ventura County Library, in partnership with *Ventura Unified School District* and *Ventura County Public Health Agency* is offering free lunches to children and teens on the west side this summer.**

The *Lunch at the Library* program at Avenue Library helps ensure no child or teen in the west side of Ventura goes hungry during their summer school break. The program is open to all children and teens up to 18 years of age. There is no sign-up or income verification necessary. Children and teens are offered a healthy lunch along with fun activities at the Avenue Library.

Irma Morales, Senior City Librarian says, “Avenue Library is an important, recognized community site for free summer activities. We are adding a new component of nutrition along with the summer reading activities by giving out free lunches to children and teens. Good nutrition is important year round, especially when children and teens increase their physical activity during the summer months.”

The Avenue Library *Lunch at the Library* program begins on Monday, June 17 and continues through Thursday, July 25. Lunches are first come, first served, and are served at 11:30am before the library is open to customers. Fun activities like crafts and story times follow immediately after lunch along with the summer reading program in the afternoon. The Avenue Library is offering free lunches to children and teens on Mondays through Thursdays during this six week period.

The Lunch at the Library program is sponsored by a grant from the California Library Association and in partnership with Ventura Unified School District and the Ventura County Public Health Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Program.

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