

**Summer @ Your Library | Networking Conversation**  
**Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 | 10am-11:30pm**  
**Summary**

**Updates and Information**

- **CSL:** California State Library update on summer partnership planning. Natalie Cole, Bureau Chief, California State Library and Jamie Romas Special Assistant to the State Librarian.
- **Suggestions for First Partner partnership:**
  - Rather than have the First Partner perform books, use her power to convene or draw authors and readers together to highlight authors and do more author interviews and have authors read their own work or talk about their work.
  - Prefer challenges they have no dates
  - Use Beanstack and have the ability to add an activity related to the First Partner as part of our local challenges
  - Going with the author idea, what about a Book Club or Book a month highlight
  - Watch the video & receive an activity badge
  - Host booklists on Beanstack
  - Would like Beanstack to develop a bilingual interface. First Partner could use her influence to help that effort.
  - DIY videos tied to a book or on STEAM
  - Books or funding for books is always welcomed
  - Need more ways to support the work happening in the classroom. Collaborate with the First Partner and her access to CA teachers and their efforts. Schools and libraries often have concurrent but separate summer programs.
  - Collaborate with the CA Teacher Librarians Assoc/Public Libraries
  - Host a special day with an author who writes books in Spanish
  - It would be great if the First Partner's office could disseminate information at the state, county, and city level about libraries the way that the Governor has done with pandemic information. Publicity is always a challenge for libraries, but especially with the isolation from our communities we've experienced during the pandemic. Perhaps libraries' summer programming can be pushed as a pandemic resource.
  - Encourage Beanstack to have marketing materials in Spanish
- **Beanstack:** The CA State Library, is providing a free 3 year premium Beanstack subscription to any and all CA libraries that are interested. If you haven't already been connected with Beanstack to get started, or if you want more information, please reach out to [summeratyourlibrary@cla-net.org](mailto:summeratyourlibrary@cla-net.org). The **free subscription is active through May 2023**.
- **iREAD:** Summer @ Your Library project provides iREAD Summer Reading program and resource guides to any and all CA libraries that are interested. The Summer 2021 Theme is "Reading Colors Your World". Summer 2022 is Read Beyond the Beaten Path (Camp, Nature and Environment inspired theme) Please reach out if you want to order any free 2021 resource guide. [summeratyourlibrary@cla-net.org](mailto:summeratyourlibrary@cla-net.org)
  - If you'd like more information on becoming a member of the Summer @ Your Library iREAD Program Committee please reach out. We are looking for individuals enthusiastic about programming to join and get to work on helping to create the 2022 iREAD resource guide! email if interested [summeratyourlibrary@cla-net.org](mailto:summeratyourlibrary@cla-net.org)

o CA representation in the resource guide! To submit your programming ideas visit: <https://www.ireadprogram.org/resources/summer-2022-read-beyond-the-beaten-path>

- **Lunch at the Library:** Limited funding available; LSTA funds to support library programming and enrichment cost in the form of cost reimbursement. Application will be out within the next week, application window mid Feb - mid March. Grant staff are ready to assist any libraries interested in starting a meal program for the first time. We can assist with connecting you with a meal provider, developing partnerships. Please send us an email. And for libraries planning to continue already established meal programs, please let us know if we can assist in any way.

- **Grab-and-go ideas:** Favorite idea, resource, or website available on the [Summer @ Your Library COVID-19 resources page](#).

- **Registration OPEN:** for an upcoming 2021 Lunch at the Library informational webinar. This webinar is free. We hope you will join us!

**March 4th, 2021, Thursday | 10:30am-12:00pm, Register here [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_m8HvGeruSJqbcYc9R9y6Xw](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_m8HvGeruSJqbcYc9R9y6Xw)**

This Lunch at the Library webinar is designed to give California library staff the information they need to help launch a successful summer meal program in 2021. It is designed for libraries interested in starting a summer meal program for the first time, or for libraries with an already established summer meal program. It is relevant for libraries interested in taking pop-up library programming out to a community meal site and/or for libraries wanting to distribute meals at the library.

### **Notes Captured from the Summer @ Your Library Conversation**

#### **Discussion prompts**

1. Have you started planning programming and services for the summer? If so, what are you planning?
2. Outreach and communication have become more challenging than ever. What outreach effort(s), if any, is your library planning this summer?
3. If time allows, any questions for your fellow group members?

#### **Notes from groups: Breakout Room highlights**

- Library program called Rec and Reading working with their recreation center
- Beanstack or Reading Points or Paper Logs or ReadSquare
- Continued need for paper logs
  - Young kids like having something to fill out
- Some libraries were food distribution sites and going out into the community distribution sites was very rewarding
- Summer startup kit given to those who sign up that correlated to programs that will be held
- Virtual programming will continue
- Most not hiring performers
- Bookmobiles
- Popups at local parks
  - Arranging with local boys and girls clubs to use their vehicles
- Cities are cautious with programming and no in person allowed

- Making videos to share with schools to share with students
- Offering teachers an opportunity to do STEAM programs through the library
- Community partnerships to film programs
- Curbside grab and go and prizes
- Social media and flyers
- Various stages of program development
- Access discussions
  - Pick up programs
- Breakout summer reading into different chunks for different teams to work on various areas
- Outreach to at home groups
- Partnering with park summer groups
- Local newspaper to print summer reading program
- Take and make kits to use/share virtually
- Different states of libraries being open
- Kickoff
  - Is this possible in a virtual realm?
  - How does this look/work?
- Prizes sent from Amazon to avoid pickup at the library
- Looking to hold socially distant in person events
- Story walk combining with a local radio station
- Partnering with food sites
- Give books at the beginning at signup instead of the end
- Wacky Wednesday that is virtual and patrons can pick up materials ahead of time
- Learning from the lessons from last summer
- Start early
- Do more outreach
- Partner with more groups
- Interactive virtual programming
- Teach parents how to promote literacy while interacting with their children
- Nonrestrictive requirements allowed for more participation
- Ticket option through Beanstack
- Marketing with teens very difficult
  - Flyers in every teen book picked up curbside
  - Promote through teachers
  - Print game boards in local newspaper
- Successes through leveraging teen councils or volunteer groups
- Grab and goes very popular
- Getting connected with schools has been an issue
- Connecting with seniors through meals on wheels using flyers to connect with adult learners