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## Feeding Minds & Bodies

**Afterschool suppers and summer meals:  
Libraries become key allies in eliminating childhood hunger**

San Diego, March 18, 2019 – The Hunger Free Kids Task Force, facilitated by San Diego Hunger Coalition, will host a workshop **featuring guest speakers from the California Library Association**. The workshop offers a forum for library staff and community partners in San Diego County to come together, share successes, and **learn about how libraries can join the fight against hunger**.

**Feeding Minds & Bodies is the latest in an array of strategies** employed by the Hunger Free Kids Task Force, and supported by San Diego Hunger Coalition, to **keep children properly nourished and engaged, and steward additional funding to the region’s educational institutions**. Libraries across the U.S. are providing meals alongside their summer, afterschool, and weekend enrichment programming. Federal child nutrition programming provides funding to serve meals and snacks to children 18 and younger when school is not in session, including during weekends and holidays.

The Task Force will host two sessions of the workshop on **Monday, March 18, 2019:**

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – College-Rolando Branch, San Diego Public Library

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Oceanside Public Library

**Keynote Speakers from California Library Association**

**Patrice Chamberlain**, MPH, Program Manger, Lunch at the Library

**Trish Garone**, Program Manager, Lunch at the Library and  
Summer @ Your Library: Explore, Learn, Read, Connect

*“Libraries are safe spaces where kids naturally gather,”* says Paloma Perez Bertrand, Hunger Free Kids Director at the San Diego Hunger Coalition. *“Serving meals at libraries after school and during the summer months supports families and gives kids nutrition they need. Together, we can give all children in our region their best chance at future success.”*

For more information, please visit [www.sandiegohungercoalition.org/hunger-free-kids](http://www.sandiegohungercoalition.org/hunger-free-kids)

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