

How Libraries In Our Region Are Addressing Food Insecurity In Their Communities

Citrus County Library System

The Citrus County Library System is involved in addressing food insecurities in two manners during the summer. All branches are collecting non-perishable food items which are then delivered to either Citrus Blessings or the Community Food Bank. Also, Citrus Blessings which is dedicated to silencing the weekend hunger of local children in need, utilizes our Lakes Region Branch weekly as a pick up point for local families. This organization supplies enough food for the children in a family for the entire weekend.

Manatee County Public Library

The Manatee County Public Library partners with the local Food Bank's *Sack Summer Hunger* program from June to August each year, handing out weekend food bags to children in need. Each week 300 bags are shared amongst the six library locations and distributed each week beginning on Friday mornings. Each bag contains a note in English and Spanish that encourages parents to bring their kids into the library for story times and other programs.

Pinellas County Library Cooperative

These Pinellas Libraries participate in Summer [Summer Break Spot](#) Spot and are providing free nutritious meals to kids and teens under the age of 18 from May 31st to July 28th.



Barbara S. Ponce Public Library
Gulfport Public Library
Oldsmar Public Library

Clearwater Main Library
Largo Public Library
St. Petersburg Main Library

Libraries in Pinellas County also partner with food banks, shelters, clinics, and neighborhood centers to collect and distribute essential food items.

Pasco County Library System

These libraries participate in the [Summer Break Spot](#) program which provides free lunches to kids over the summer.

Centennial Park Library
Regency Park Library

Hudson Regional Library
South Holiday Library

Orange County Library System

These branch libraries participate in the [Summer Break Spot](#) program which provides free lunches to students over the summer.

**Chickasaw Branch
Hiwassee Branch
South Trail Branch**

**Edgewater Branch
South Creek**

Sumter County Library System

Sumter waives fines in exchange for food donations during certain times of the year.



Seminole County Public Library System

The **North Sanford Branch** participates in the Summer Break Spot Program by providing space for lunch and a movie on Mondays through Fridays.

Sarasota County Libraries & Historical Resources

Sarasota County Libraries are providing various food programs for students throughout the county. The library system has partnered with All Faiths Food Bank and the Sarasota County School District to provide meals, groceries, and bags of kid-friendly food for students all summer long. Last year, this partnership launched the Talking is Teaching promotions, to encourage parents, caregivers, and educators to talk with and sing to young children and to help them develop early literacy skills. For more information, click [here](#).

FREE FOOD

ALL SUMMER LONG
Together, we're filling minds and tummies!

As many as 40,000 Sarasota & DeSoto County students, including their younger siblings, face hunger during the summer.

All Faiths Food Bank has partnered with the Sarasota County School District Food and Nutrition Services and the Sarasota County Library System to feed children and families over summer vacation. Meals, groceries and bags of kid-friendly food will be provided all summer long.

Free food for kids at Sarasota County Libraries / Comida gratis para los niños

BACKPACK BAGS AT LIBRARY LOCATIONS	SERVED LUNCH LOCATIONS
• North Sarasota • Gulf Gate • Elise Quirk • Selby • Jacaranda • North Port • Fruitville • Venice	• Selby • Elise Quirk • North Port

BackPack bags for kids
Pantón para los niños
Bags of food for kids and teens. Sarasota County Libraries scgov.net/library allfaithsfoodbank.org

Food to take home
Alimentos para el hogar
Pick up food at sites throughout Sarasota County. allfaithsfoodbank.org 941-379-6333

Breakfast & lunch for kids & teens. Comidas para los niños y adolescentes.
Provided by Sarasota County School District Food & Nutrition Services. Served by the USA Summer Food Program.
NEW! FREE! (In RETIREES) by the USA Summer Food Program.
SUMMER BREAK SPOT

For more about All Faiths Food Bank's 2017 summer food programs:
Para más información programas de alimentos de verano 2017:
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If your library is providing a free food program and you would like to be added to this list, please email elise@tbtc.org