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**102 CALIFORNIA LIBRARIES RECEIVE
RALEY’S SUPERMARKET NICKEL AID GRANTS
TO SUPPORT LITERACY AND SUMMER READING**

Monrovia, CA, June 1, 2015 – 102 California public libraries are about to launch their summer reading programs with the help of grants from Raley’s Family of Fine Stores.

Public library summer reading programs help prevent summer learning loss and build communities of readers and library users. They encourage and enable children and teens to set and meet reading goals, and they offer free learning and enrichment programs during the summer months.

Raley’s customers voted for libraries to receive \$75,000 as part of Raley’s annual NickelAid Community Giving Program. Nearly 50% of all voters chose to support public libraries during a two-week campaign! Libraries in communities where Raley’s operates its grocery stores were selected to receive the funds.

CLA President, Robert Karatsu, said: “We very much appreciate Raley’s help in encouraging and enabling kids and their families to keep reading all summer long!”

Raley’s funds were distributed by the California Library Association (CLA), which provides leadership for the development, promotion, and improvement of library services, librarianship, and the library community.

Raley’s grants support literacy and summer reading efforts in Raley’s communities. The Raley’s NickelAid program operates as a local partnership between Raley’s grocery stores, its customers, and the community.

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