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## **SUMMER MATTERS: PUBLIC LIBRARIES ADDRESS SUMMER LEARNING LOSS IN CALIFORNIA**

San Mateo, CA, June 10th – Ten California public libraries are partnering with model community-based summer learning programs in a statewide effort to prevent summer learning loss among low-income youth. Children and teens enrolled in the learning programs will visit their local libraries, take part in the summer reading program, and participate in family open houses, book art programs, scavenger hunts, library orientations and other enriching summer programs.

A vast body of research shows that students who lack access to summer learning opportunities risk suffering “summer learning loss” – a loss in academic skills and knowledge during the summer that sets them back academically and contributes to increased student drop-out rates. Research shows that high-quality summer learning programs prevent learning loss and strengthen students’ social and academic skills, work habits and attitudes, and readiness to learn.

“For many kids, this will be their first visit to the public library,” said CLA President, Derek Wolfgram. “By integrating the library into these high-quality summer learning programs we can help prevent summer setback and introduce children and their families to the valuable resources the library provides for the community.”

Partnerships include:

Los Angeles Public Library	LA’s BEST education, enrichment, and recreation program
Oakland Public Library	East Bay Asian Youth Center
Sacramento Public Library	Sacramento City School District
San Bernardino County Library	San Bernardino City School District (CAPS program)
San Francisco Public Library	San Francisco Department of Children, Youth, and their Families
Santa Ana Public Library	THINK Together, out-of-school program provider
Santa Clara County Library District (Gilroy Library)	Gilroy Unified School District: Super Power Summer Camp
Willows and Orland Public Libraries	Glenn County Office of Education: Expect Success Camp
Whittier Public Library	Whittier School District: Jump Start Summer Program

The library partnerships and summer learning programs are part of California’s Summer Matters Campaign, the first ever statewide campaign focused on creating and expanding access to high quality summer learning opportunities for all California students.

The partnerships are coordinated by the California Library Association: <[www.cla-net.org](http://www.cla-net.org)>. More information about the Summer Matters campaign is at [www.summermatters2you.net](http://www.summermatters2you.net). Support for this project is provided by the David and Lucile Packard Foundation.

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