

# SUMMER PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMS

## THE IMPACT OF SUMMER PROGRAMS

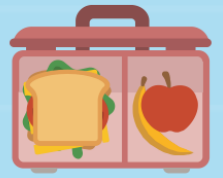
Public libraries perform a key role in the education and development of young learners through summer educational programs that offer key benefits:



Foster Love of Reading



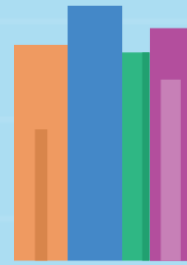
Close Achievement Gap



Provide Meals



Offer Hands-On Education



Promote Teen Volunteerism

## KEY STATISTICS

51%

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of youth today live in low-income families, compared to 38% in 2000

70%

Since 1970, the achievement gap between low- and high-income youth has grown to **70%**

95%

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of libraries offer summer reading programs to address the “summer slide” in learning

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