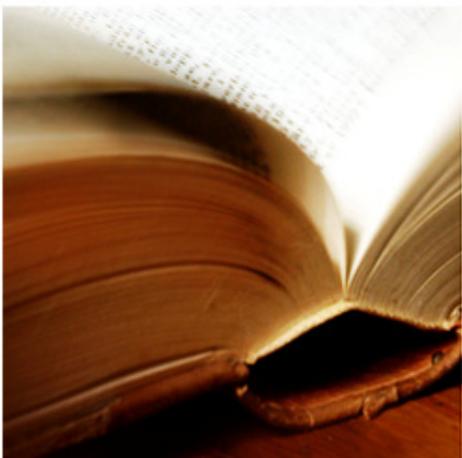


# Food for Mind and Body

Libraries partnering with Food Banks



# Introductions

- Elizabeth Moreau Nicolai
  - Youth Services Coordinator
  - Former Manager, Mountain View Neighborhood Library (Anchorage Public Library, Anchorage, AK)
- We ran the food service from July 2011- April 2014



# Mountain View Neighborhood Library

- Reopened in September 2010
- 5 staff members
  - 3 support
  - 2 professional
- Close to schools
- Diverse community
  - 90 languages
  - Hmong, Tagalog, Samoan, Sudanese
  - Refugee resettlement



# Need in Mountain View

- Anchorage School District reports:
  - 27% transiency rate
  - 100% economically disadvantaged at Clark Middle School, compares to 44% district-wide
  - 99.9% receive free and reduced priced lunch
  - 29% have limited English
- Library surveys:
  - 40% lack transportation



# Finding the Food Bank Program

- Why it was right for us
  - 100 teens and nothing to do
  - Discipline issues
  - Non-traditional service in traditional programs
- Qualifying as a site
- Convincing library administration
  - No cost to the library (except staff time)
  - Easy to leave the program



# Two Types of Programs

- Summer Food Service
- Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)



# Logistics – Set Up

- Initial application
  - Qualify as a site, not individuals
- Different application for each program
- Food Bank shepherds the application through the state process
- Daily paperwork
  - Turned in weekly
  - Stored for one year
- Municipal Food Worker Card



# On Food Service Day (library side)

- Water & Handwashing
- Shelf-stable food
  - Deliveries 1x/week
- Meal & Milk
- Share Table
- No adults
  - Alternate resource list
- Buy Extra Trashcans!



# What A Meal Looks Like

- Shelf Stable Meals
- Meet all USDA nutritional guidelines



# Integrating into Library Programming

- CACFP (school year)
  - Teen Zone
  - Movies
- Summer Food Service
  - Lunch and Play
- Two hour minimum



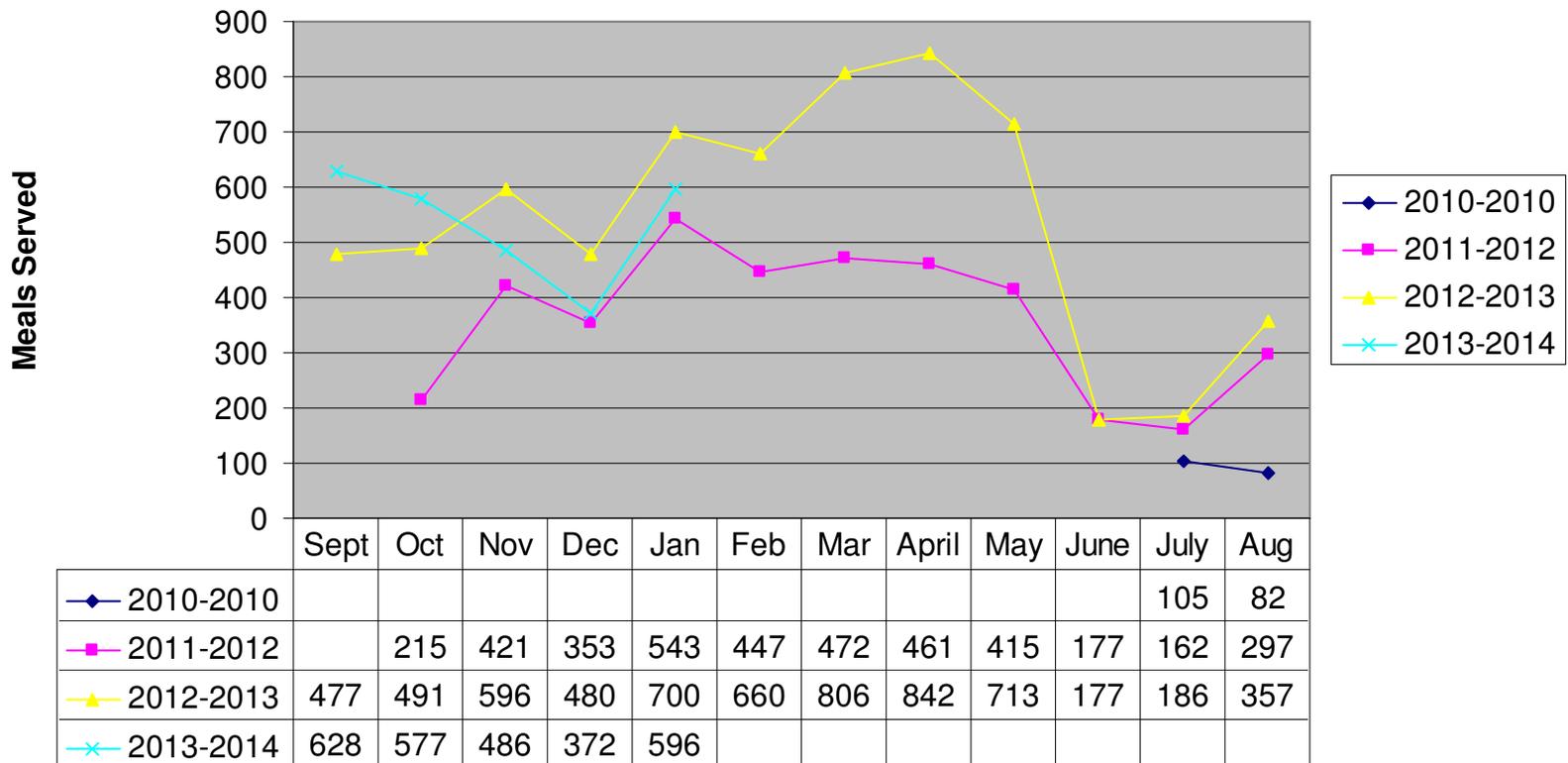
# Benefits to the Library – hard numbers

- Between July 2011 and April 2014, we have served 13,294 meals
- In March 2011 (pre-food service) 6 teen programs, 99 total teens average: 17 teens/program
- In April 2012 (with food service) 4 teen programs, 279 teens 4 family movies, 260 people 539 total for the month average: 67 people/program 461 meals served average: 66 meals/service



# The numbers (school year look)

**Youth Food Service**



# Benefits to the library – softer side

- Increased engagement not just participation
- Teens stay longer in community room (quieter library)
- Decreased discipline issues
- Robin



# Why We Stopped & Conclusion

- Staff turnover
- Competition with the school's program
- Question and Answer Time!
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