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Kern County Library is Seeking Volunteer Musicians & Dancers to Book for the Summer Reading Challenge: *Read to the Rhythm!* June – July 31, 2015

The Kern County Library (KCL) is seeking musicians & dancers to volunteer their time and share their craft with the children of the Summer Reading Challenge and Free Summer Lunch Program. These volunteers will be asked to present a short 15-20 minute ‘show & tell’ style event to showcase their musical and dance talents to children participating in the Summer Reading Challenge, specifically during lunch service (11:30am – 12:30pm) at the Beale Memorial Library.

The short 15-20 minute sessions will allow the musicians and dancers to actively engage with the children and parents by demonstrating their musical or rhythmic talent. These efforts will expose the children to different cultures and traditions as expressed through music and dance. For example, volunteers could perform traditional Greek or Hispanic dances, or perhaps play classic Basque music to share a piece of their cultural background or artistic interest.

This summer’s theme is *Read to the Rhythm!* and KCL will offer free events and programs for children & teens, including music and dance programs, storytimes, arts and crafts, and many more events that cultivate and support a lifelong love of learning and reading. This is an opportunity to nurture a child’s curiosity while developing literacy, fluency, and comprehension skills with free educational activities that address the learning loss that typically accompanies the summer break from school. As part of the Summer Reading Challenge and for the second year, KCL will be serving free lunches to children ages 2-18 at Beale Memorial Library. The lunch program provides access to healthy food for our local children, who may not have access when school ends for the Summer.

To get involved and to volunteer your talent and time this summer, please contact Andie Apple by email at andie.apple@kernlibrary.org or by phone at 661.868.0723.