

During the second half of the NCompass Live webinar [Feeding America](#) presented at the 2019 meeting of the Association for Rural & Small Libraries, participants were invited to collectively brainstorm around three questions: 1) What's worked for you? 2) What concerns do you have about this topic? And 3) How can we work together? What will you try at your library?

This document contains a partial transcription, recorded in real-time, of that discussion.

What's worked for you?

1. Florida library – said does Read N Feed in Summer and during school breaks
2. Cooperative Extension has been biggest supporter: Regularly supply cooking programs. No concerns. It works just fine
3. A local chef has come in and presented programs at the library
4. Teach nutrition and kitchen life skills using the home economic room at the school
5. We've offered summer feeding programs as well as cooking for all ages, gardening for children each summer
6. Partner with High Point Public Library for gardening, seed exchange
7. Volunteer at local thrift store / food pantry – all sales go to stocking the food pantry – pantry board would definitely be interested in doing more things linked to the library
8. School does the summer feeding program – bring lunches to the library on event days when the library has an event – so kids don't have to choose between lunch and library programs
9. We've worked with National Center for Family Learning to provide educational programs, including food – include a presentation on learning together as a family

Concerns?

1. Rules set in place when patrons take produce from the library?
2. Issue with USDA program (only for children) -> solved by having local donors supplement the grant
3. USDA type grants to support seniors in need? Look for general grants focused on community development

How can we work together? What will you try at your library?

1. Very eager to start a seed library this spring. Love the idea of monthly senior month
2. We're looking into using the kitchen facilities in community centers – where they have facilities available
3. Interested in building a community garden at a local park- because we don't have the greenspace at the library