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Orange County Fair visitors can receive one free admission ticket and one carnival ride in exchange for one new children's book for kindergarten through third grades (ages 5 to 9) in support of the Los Angeles Times' "Reading by 9" program, according to Rotarian Marc Aarons, president of the Rotary Club of Newport-Balboa. Rotarians from Newport-Balboa, Newport Sunrise, Newport Irvine and Costa Mesa will be volunteering during three two-hour shifts today, along with Rotarians from around the county, to collect the books at admissions gates.

The volunteers will collect the books, box the books and load them onto trucks for delivery to Orange County elementary schools later this summer. On Aug. 5 fair visitors can receive a free admission ticket and one free carnival ride in exchange for the donation of one school item valued at \$5 or more. Rotarians will once again be staffing the collection booths and will coordinate the distribution to local schools. For more information visit [www.ocfair.com](http://www.ocfair.com) and click on "Discounts & Promotions."

## **LOBSTER FEST ATTRACTING VISITORS**

The Aug. 2 Lobster Fest at Newport Dunes Resort is attracting visitors from around Southern California, according to Tim Brown, president of the Rotary Club of Newport Beach Sunrise. Families from Costa Mesa and Newport Beach in addition to Upland, La Habra, Yorba Linda, Anaheim, Monterey Park, Carlsbad, Ladera Ranch and Long Beach are buying tickets online.

The Lobster Fest is a family-friendly event providing attendees a delicious dinner of freshly cooked Maine lobsters (flown in the night before) with top-grade tri-tips, delicious sides and beverages. Ticket prices for adults start at \$75.

For the children, there is a menu of hamburgers, hot dogs, sides and drinks cooked on the fabulous grill by local Newport Beach firefighters.

The children will have loads of activities including a sandcastle-building contest and puppet show. Children's tickets are \$25.

Proceeds from the event will go in part to Marine families at Camp Pendleton and local Rotary club projects. For more information and to order tickets, go to [www.lobsterfestatnewportbeach.com](http://www.lobsterfestatnewportbeach.com) or call (949) 650-5504.