

OPERATIONS
Food and Beverages

STATEMENT: The Library seeks to make its facilities comfortable and safe for its patrons, volunteers and staff members. As good stewards and caretakers of publicly-funded facilities, the Library establishes policy on how and where in the Library food and beverages may be consumed.

PURPOSE: The Library strives to create a welcoming, clean and comfortable environment for all. Consistent with this goal, the following rules specify how food and beverage may be consumed in public areas of the Library.

POLICY:

1. Food and beverages as described below are allowed in the Library, except in designated areas.
 - A. Foods are limited to snacks, finger foods, or wrapped items that are odor-free and unlikely to leave stains.
 - B. Beverages must be contained in covered, spill-proof containers.
 - C. No alcoholic beverages are allowed.
2. Group meals and food delivery are not allowed, except as approved in advance by the Director for meetings or gatherings in public meeting rooms.
3. Food and beverages are NOT allowed in the following designated areas:
 - A. Near Library equipment, i.e. at the public computer stations or near the printers
 - B. In Conference Room 2, Lab 1, and Lab 2
 - C. In the upper level children's collections
4. Unattended food or beverage will be removed and discarded.
5. Food or beverage should be consumed in a responsible and courteous manner.
6. Patrons must discard all trash after eating or drinking.
7. Patrons must clean up any food or beverage spills immediately and report any stains to staff.
8. Patrons violating this policy will be asked to remove the food or beverage from the area.