

Food and Drink Policy

The Wyckoff Free Public Library strives to create a welcoming, clean and comfortable environment for the public. It is consistent with this goal to allow food and non-alcoholic beverages to be consumed in the library in a responsible and considerate manner, minimizing the risk of damage to library collection, computers and furnishings while meeting the needs of users who are in the library for extended periods. Therefore, the following rules apply:

Snacks and nonalcoholic beverages may be consumed by patrons seated at the work tables and in armchairs throughout the library, provided the beverage has a cap or a securely fitting lid on it and the snack is not messy, smelly or greasy. Patrons must use extra care when drinking beverages near library computers and will be held responsible for any damage caused by their beverages to library equipment. Food is not permitted at the library computers. Library staff have a constant and absolute right to direct patrons to immediately remove any food and non-alcoholic beverages that do not conform to this policy in library staff's sole judgment.

No food or beverages may be consumed at the early-literacy computer stations or the toddler play area in the children's library. No food or beverages may be consumed in the Makerspace.

Food and non-alcoholic beverages may be consumed by groups using the library's three meeting rooms: the Shotmeyer Room, Monroe Room and History Room. If someone is using the History Room to search the local-history archives, however, no food is permitted in the room at that time.

Patrons bringing food and non-alcoholic beverages into the library are responsible for disposing of empty containers and trash in appropriate receptacles. They must clean up any spills or messes they create, and they must bring any more serious damage to the attention of library staff immediately.

Patrons who violate this policy may lose library privileges or incur limitations on their future ability to bring food or drinks into the library.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to amend this policy at any time.

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