



Food and Drink Policy

BOARD POLICY

Pikes Peak Library District strives to create a welcoming, clean, and comfortable environment. It is consistent with this goal to allow food and drinks in Library buildings in a responsible and considerate manner to minimize the risk of damage to Library collections, computers, and furnishings while meeting the needs of users who are in the Library for extended periods.

Considerate consumption of snack food or a covered beverage is allowed in public areas of the Library unless otherwise noted.

DISTRICT PROCEDURES

A. Certain areas of the Library may be designated as “No Food or No Drink” zones.

- Neither food nor drinks are allowed in Special Collections at Penrose Library.
- Food is not permitted while using Library computers, printers, photocopiers, microfilm readers, or other electrical equipment.
- Drinks can be kept on the floor of computer labs if they have securable tops and are not permitted on desks or tables in the computer lab
- Neither food nor drinks are allowed in makerspaces.

Note: There is appropriate signage displayed for designated areas. If you should have questions, please contact the staff or Library manager.

B. Snacks and nonalcoholic beverages may be consumed by patrons seated at worktables and in armchairs.

- Beverages must be in a soda can or a container with a lid or cap.
- Food preparation is not allowed.
- Food cannot be messy, greasy or have strong odor.
- Food cannot disturb others.
- Food cannot pose a threat to library resources.

C. Food cannot be left unattended. Unattended food and drink openly displayed in public areas will be discarded.

D. No group meals are allowed in public areas.

E. Library patrons are expected to be responsible for food and drinks consumed in the library. Trash should be disposed of in the receptacles provided. Spills should be reported immediately to staff. Areas should be left clean for use by others.

- F. Users violating this policy will be asked to remove their food and drink from the library.
- G. The [Event, Meeting and Study Room Policy](#) details rules for food and beverages in meeting rooms. A clean- up fee may be assessed.
- H. Other types of food may be allowed at specific locations in designated areas (i.e., café) or at the discretion of the Library manager.