



## **Pikes Peak Library District 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 the library buildings in a responsible and considerate manner minimizing 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.

#### I. DISTRICT PROCEDURES

- A. Love your library, leave no trace.
- B. Snacks and nonalcoholic beverages may be consumed by patrons seated at work tables and in armchairs.
  - Beverages must be in a container with a lid or cap.
  - Snacks must be prepackaged. Food preparation is not allowed.
  - Snacks should not be messy, greasy or have a strong odor. Pizza, hamburgers, fries, salads, soups and similar or any heated foods are not allowed in the library.
  - Snacks should not disturb others.
  - Snacks should not be harmful to library resources.
- C. Snacks should not 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. 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 the Penrose Library. Food is not permitted while using library computers, printers, photocopiers, microfilm readers or other electrical equipment.

- G. Users violating this policy will be asked to remove their food and drink from the library. Repeat offenders will be subject to losing library privileges.
  
- H. The Meeting Room Policy details rules for food and beverages in meeting rooms. A clean-up fee may be assessed.  
(<https://ppld.org/sites/default/files/meetingrooms/meetingroompolicy.pdf>)
  
- I. Other types of food may be allowed at specific locations in designated areas (i.e. café) or at the discretion of the library manager.