



Food and Drink Policy

PURPOSE

The Cornelius Public Library strives to create a welcoming, clean, and comfortable environment for all visitors to enjoy. In line with this goal, snacks and drinks are allowed in the library except in designated areas and should be consumed in a responsible and courteous manner.

Food and drinks can pose a potential risk to library collections and equipment. In order to protect our resources and areas from damage, we ask that you act responsibly when consuming snacks and drinks in the library. Customers violating this policy will be asked to remove the food and drink from the area.

RULES

- Beverages are allowed in spill-proof cups, cans, or screw-top containers throughout the library.
 - No open containers allowed.
 - No alcoholic beverages allowed.
- Pre-packaged snacks, finger foods, or wrapped items that are odor-free and unlikely to leave stains, such as granola bars, nuts, and pretzels may be consumed in all areas EXCEPT near computers and books.
- Smelly, greasy, messy, or sticky foods like pizza, burgers, and fries, which might disturb others, are not allowed.
- Group meals and food delivery are only allowed in the Walters Community Room and Gallery and only with prior written library approval.
- Report spills immediately to staff and discard all trash after eating or drinking.
- Recycle containers are available for empty cans and bottles that have an Oregon deposit.
- Unattended food will be discarded.

EXCEPTIONS IN DESIGNATED AREAS

- **Jeannine Murrell Technology Center**
Food is not allowed near library computers, printers or other technology equipment.
- **Library Collections**
Food is not allowed near the book shelves in the collections areas.
- **Walters Community Room and Gallery**
Food and drink may be served at meetings in the Walters Community Room and Gallery only with prior written approval through the online library reservation system. (Please see, "[Public Use of Walters Community Room and Gallery](#).") Groups need to provide their own utensils, plates,

cups/glasses, napkins, condiments and other event related items. A catering kitchen with a sink, dishwasher and refrigerator may be used only when using the Gallery or when the two meeting rooms are combined.

- **Café and Lobby**

All food and drink prepared by the Café may be consumed in the tiled lobby area.

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