

WEBER COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Board of Trustees

FOOD AND DRINK POLICY

Breaking bread together is powerful. It brings people together in a manner that is more personal, more conducive to conversation than sitting around a boardroom table. Food helps our relationships thrive as well as our bodies. Food in Libraries, however, can present challenges. Food can attract pests, disposal of soiled containers can create maintenance woes, crumbs can damage keyboards, spilled drinks that contain sugar or harmful dyes can damage or ruin floor coverings, and soiled fingers ruin print materials. Food in libraries is a balancing act.

In order to balance protection of the physical spaces of Weber County's third place libraries, while also enhancing the quality of the Library experience, the following rules will apply:

1. Food may not be brought into the Library.
2. Water containers with lids may be brought into the Library. No other drinks may be brought into the library.
3. Food purchased in commercial lease space café area must be consumed in the café area. Drinks purchased in the café area may be taken to conversation or study areas as long as the twist-off or secure lids provided by the in-house café remain in place. Unattended drinks are subject to disposal by Library employees.
4. Food and drinks are prohibited in areas where computers, scanners, or other Library equipment is housed or in use.
5. Spilled food or drinks in the commercial lease space (café) area must be immediately reported to the café manager.
6. Spilled drinks purchased from the café, or water brought in from outside the Library, must be immediately reported to Library employees who will assist with cleanup.
7. Those responsible for damage caused by spilled food or non-authorized drinks in the Library will be required to pay for cleanup and replacement of Library property. If the behavior is ongoing, the individual may be trespassed from the Library.
8. Alcohol is not permitted on Library premises. Alcohol may be served at private events held on Library property only with the prior approval of the Library Administration (see *Library Alcohol Policy*).

Please note:

1. Café owners are required to have their menu items approved by the Library before adding them to the menu.
2. Outside food and drink are permissible in preapproved meeting room spaces during a scheduled event if authorized by Library personnel (see *Library Public Meeting Room Policy*, section I(M)).
3. Consumption of food and drink distributed by Library staff during programs is permitted within the space in which programs are held.

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