



DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

FOOD AND DRINK OPERATING POLICY

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POLICY STATEMENT: The Denton Public Library maintains a food and drink directive to aid in the preservation and care of library resources and electronic equipment, to maintain a pest-free building and damage-free furnishings, to reduce litter and to ensure a clean environment for all customers.

Customers are expected to pick up after themselves by discarding trash in appropriate containers and notifying staff immediately of any spills. Patrons are expected to "leave no trace" and take responsibility for maintaining a clean environment by removing crumbs, wiping off sticky surfaces, and cleaning up after themselves. All trash must be deposited in trash or recycle receptacles throughout the library

Drinks

Nonalcoholic drinks are permitted but are limited to containers with lids or plastic bottles with screw tops.

Food

Snack sized prepackaged foods are permitted. Snacks are defined as small portioned packaged foods which can easily be eaten dry and with the hands. Messy or greasy foods that can damage library materials and facilities or aromatic or noisy foods may be distracting to others are not permitted.

Food is not permitted in makerspaces or other areas designated by signage.

Enforcement

Library staff will ask customers violating these policies to dispose of their items or leave the library. Refusal to cooperate is an infraction of the Library's Rules of Conduct and may lead to further action on part of the staff.

