

Leominster Public Library Food and Beverage Policy

Rationale:

This policy is to inform patrons of the rules and regulations for food and beverage consumption in the Library building.

Leominster Public Library Food and Beverage Policy Statement:

The Leominster Public Library strives to provide a comfortable, enjoyable, and safe environment for reading, studying, working, socializing, and enjoying Library-sponsored programs. The Library's Board of Trustees has established a *Food and Beverage Policy* to ensure that patrons enjoy their Library experience.

Please consume food and beverages in a considerate and responsible manner. Compliance with policy guidelines will help prevent damage to the Library's collections, equipment, and furnishings, and avoid suspension of food and beverage privileges. The Library staff reserves the right to address consumption issues as needed.

Food Guidelines and Restrictions:

- Food is permitted only in the first floor café.
- Food is limited to finger foods and non-greasy, non-messy wrapped items.
- Hot, aromatic, or potentially allergenic foods (e.g., nut products) are prohibited.
- Restaurant delivery services are not allowed.
- Food and beverage refuse must be disposed promptly and the area left clean for use by others.
- Library staff may discard unapproved or unattended foods and beverages.
- Please immediately report spills to Library staff.

Beverage Guidelines and Restrictions:

- Beverages must be contained in spill-proof cups or screw-top bottles.
- Open containers and alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
- Beverage consumption is not allowed near Library computers or other electrical equipment.
- No beverages are allowed in the Historical Room located on the second floor.

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