
Library Board

Monday, December 17, 2018

Regular Meeting

Item F1

Approval of Revision to Food and Beverage Policy (formerly Policy on Eating and Drinking in the Library)

Board approval is sought to revise this policy in order to permit beverages in spill-proof, resealable containers and to indicate patron responsibility for cleaning up spills. These are two provisions commonly found in public library policy.

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Food and Beverage Policy on Eating and Drinking in the Library

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Revised ~~December 17, 2018~~ July 21, 2008

Consumption of food in the library is restricted to the Meeting Commons and adjacent meeting rooms.

Beverages are allowed throughout the library only if they are in spill-proof, resealable containers such as bottles with screw tops or cups with lids.

Food and beverages provided during library programs are also allowed throughout the building.

Patrons are expected to take responsibility for maintaining a sanitary and pleasant environment by removing crumbs, wiping off sticky surfaces, and cleaning up after themselves. Properly disposing of trash in the library-provided receptacles or removing it from the building is expected.

Patrons who cannot adequately remove the food or beverage spill, should report it to Library Staff so that prompt action can be taken to minimize the damages.

Unattended food and beverages may be removed and discarded.

Eating and drinking within the public areas of the Edith Abbott Memorial Library is allowed only in designated areas and under specified conditions:-

- ~~Lobby Area~~
- ~~Meeting and study rooms (as pre-approved by a supervisor)~~
- ~~Library programs and receptions~~
- ~~Spill proof containers of water are allowed throughout all public areas of the library~~

The consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited within all areas of the library.