

The Welles-Turner Memorial Library (Library) seeks to make library facilities comfortable and safe for its patrons, volunteers and staff members. In order to be good stewards and caretakers of publicly funded facilities, the Library directs patrons and staff members on how and where in the Library food and beverages may be consumed.

General Information

The Library strives to create a welcoming, clean and comfortable environment for all to enjoy. These guidelines strive to achieve a balance between Library users' social needs and the need to preserve and protect the Library's collections, furnishings and equipment. Consistent with this goal, food and drink are allowed in the Library on a limited basis and should be consumed in a considerate and responsible manner. In order to protect Library resources and facilities from damage, we ask that you act responsibly when consuming food and drink in the Library.

Policy

To protect our shared resources and maintain a clean environment for all library users, please adhere to the following guidelines to help preserve the materials, equipment, furnishings, and environment at the library:

- Beverages are allowed if they are in a container with a secure lid, a can, or bottle with a screw top. Open containers are not allowed. No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the Library.
- Consumption of food is limited to pre-packaged snacks or wrapped items that are consumed by an individual. Customers are encouraged to consume items that are odor free, noiseless, and do not leave stains at study tables, carrels and reading areas. Hot, smelly, or messy foods which might disturb others should be consumed outside of the Library.
- Infants may be nursed or fed from bottles in any area of the Library. Young children should be seated in designated "snack zones" to enjoy their snacks.
- Food and drinks are not permitted while using library toys, computers, printers, photocopiers, microfilm readers or other electrical equipment.
- Certain areas of the Library may be designated as "No Food or Drink" zones.
- Food and drink are permissible for special functions in Library meeting rooms as authorized by the Library. Rules for food and beverages are detailed under the Library's [Meeting Room Use Policy](#).
- Unattended food and drink openly displayed in public areas will be confiscated and discarded.
- Determination of what food is appropriate for consumption in the Library is at the discretion of the Library staff. When in doubt, please ask the Library staff for guidance.
- Any user who is in violation of these guidelines will be asked to take items to the appropriate areas to consume or to discard them. Any patron who refuses to comply with the policy will be asked to leave the Library.

Leave No Trace

Please help keep the Library clean and free of unwanted pests for all Library users by disposing of waste in the trash and recycling receptacles located throughout the Library. Make a clean and pleasant library environment your responsibility. Please clean up any crumbs or spills immediately with paper towels available in all restrooms. Please report significant spills or messes to the library staff immediately.