



Melrose Public Library

Food and Beverage Policy

For the comfort and convenience of our patrons, and to minimize damage to our materials, property, and equipment, food and beverages are allowed in designated areas of the Melrose Public Library only.

Consumption of food must be limited to light, prepackaged snacks (e.g. granola bars, chips, pretzels, cookies, string cheese, small containers of yogurt, etc.) No outside delivery of food is permitted. Patrons may not consume hot, aromatic, or messy items (e.g. pizza, soup, burgers and salads) in the library.

Beverages with a secure lid are permitted throughout the building except in restricted areas. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed at any time.

As a courtesy to all library users, patrons should notify Library staff of any spills needing attention, leave spaces clean and in the condition they were found, and dispose of all trash in appropriate receptacles. Unattended food and drink may be removed and discarded.

Absolutely no food or drink is allowed in the Local History Room at any time.

Users consuming beverages or food in the library may be financially responsible for any damage resulting from spills or stains.

The Melrose Public Library is not responsible for monitoring the library building for potential allergens, such as nuts or dairy. Those with food allergies (or the parents/caretakers of minors with food allergies) should be aware that allergens may be present in the Library and it is a shared-community space. All-purpose cleaning

wipes and/or all-purpose spray cleaner, paper towels, and disposable gloves will be available if you wish to wipe down a hard surface.

Library staff have the authority to enforce this policy and may ask patrons to relocate or discard food that violates this policy.

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