

Library Food and Drink Policy

The library's food and drink policy endeavors to accommodate our users and encourage the use of library resources while protecting BBC's investment in collections and technology. ***Some restrictions on food and drink in the library are necessary because their presence introduces the potential for damage, and food and drink trash not discarded properly invites pest infestation that can lead to widespread damage to the print collection.***

Food and drink are **NOT** allowed in/around the following areas:

- Computer workstations, printers, copiers, and related equipment
- Audio-visual equipment
- Library shelving
- Rare Books and Archives rooms and any materials from these collections regardless of where you are using them

Food and drink are allowed in/around the main floor tables, study carrels, and reading areas **with** the following restrictions:

- Drinks must be in covered, spill-proof containers or capped bottles
 - Approved containers include:
 - Spill-proof mugs with secure lids and a drinking hole that can be closed
 - Sports bottles with a drinking spout that can be closed
 - Any container with a screw-on cap that will not come off if knocked over
 - Unapproved containers include:
 - All open containers, including cups, mugs, and aluminum cans
 - Cups with snap on lids such as from the BBC White House, McDonalds, Starbucks, etc.
- Dry, non-greasy packaged snacks (e.g. candy bars, cookies, fruit chews, pretzels, granola bars, etc.) are allowed

Food and drink are allowed in the area at the SW corner of the main floor of the library next to the vending machine **without** restrictions. However, please note the following:

- You must dispose of trash in the large round garbage pail in this area, or take the trash with you out of the building. Do not dispose of food wrappings/trash anywhere else in the library. Restricting food trash to this one pail allows us to get it out of the building if it starts to smell.
- Deliveries of food to the library are not permitted. If you want to eat the kind of food that is often delivered (e.g. pizza), you will need to pick up yourself.

➔ You are responsible for any damage caused by food or drink you bring into the library.

➔ Please report any accidental spills to the library staff as quickly as possible.

➔ In consideration of others, please throw away your trash and clean up any mess that you make.