

MERRICK LIBRARY

FOOD AND BEVERAGE POLICY

In keeping with its mission statement to “provide a comfortable, welcoming atmosphere...” The Merrick Library has adopted the following policy with regard to food and beverages:

- Light snacks may be consumed at tables in the public areas of the library, including program rooms, the main adult reading area, the teen room, and the quiet study, conference and group study rooms, except at the computers.
- Beverages in containers with lids, including coffee, soda, water and juice are permitted in the same areas.
- Patrons are expected to be considerate of other library users; areas where snacks and drinks are consumed should be left as the patron found them. All refuse should be disposed of in the proper receptacles.
- Light meals may be consumed in the Astarita Garden; again, patrons are expected to leave the area as they found it.
- Absolutely no alcoholic beverages in any area of the library.

Definitions:

Light snacks – pretzels, granola or energy bars, dry cereal

Light meals – sandwiches, wraps; no hot food, soups or multi-course meals

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