Food and Drink in the Library

Please help preserve the Arthur A. Houghton, Jr. Library collections for future generations.

It is the goal of the Corning Community College Library to maintain an environment appropriate for the protection of library materials and conducive to study.

Snack foods and covered beverages are allowed in the Library. The Library reserves the right to ask any user to remove his/her food and/or beverage from the library. In addition, failure to comply with posted restrictions or staff instructions regarding the consumption of food and beverages constitutes a violation of the Library Code of Conduct.

Meals may be consumed in the café on the main level of the Library, and in the Hanley Room.

Guidelines for the Consumption of Snack Foods and Covered Beverages in the Library:

In order to conserve library resources and provide a comfortable environment for all, we ask that you adhere to the following guidelines:

- Snacks and covered beverages are permitted. Meals or messy, noisy or strong-smelling foods are not permitted. Non-permissible foods include, but are not limited to, yogurt, breakfast sandwiches, pizza, burgers, fries, chicken wings, salads or foods deemed by staff to be inappropriate.
- Deliveries of food to the Library are not permitted. An exception is made for scheduled, catered events taking place in the Library (with the approval of Library staff).
- Unattended food and/or beverages may be disposed of by staff.
- Clean up any spills right away—if additional assistance is needed, contact library staff at any desk.
- Properly dispose of all food, trash, and recycling.

The consumption of any food or beverage is specifically prohibited in areas of the Library whose materials are difficult to replace and are especially susceptible to damage from spills. This designation is made at the sole discretion of the Library.

Rationale

A. Eating in the library

Responsible stewardship of the Library collections requires that we exercise care in allowing food in library buildings. Food is easily spilled on books, furniture, and equipment, causing damage. Particles of food left behind on books, furniture, or floors attract rodents, cockroaches, silverfish and other unwanted pests.

B. Drinking in the library

All beverages, including water, are easily spilled on books, furniture and floors. Damage to library materials results in replacement costs to the Library and makes the material unavailable to library users. Allowing covered beverage containers greatly minimizes the risk of damage and, at the same time, meets the needs of users who are frequently in the library for extended periods.