

Food and Beverage Policy

The Leonia Public Library strives to create a welcoming, clean and comfortable environment for the public. It is consistent with this goal to allow food and non-alcoholic beverages to be consumed in the library in a responsible and considerate manner, minimizing the risk of damage to library collection, computers and furnishings while meeting the needs of users who are in the library for extended periods. Therefore, the following rules apply:

- Non-alcoholic beverages may be consumed by patrons seated at the work tables and in armchairs throughout the library, provided the beverage has a cap or a securely fitting lid on it.
- Food and drinks are not permitted at the library computers.
- Exceptions can be made for meetings and events in library meeting rooms. Refreshments brought by groups who have reserved rooms must be approved by library staff.
- For the safety of the items stored therein, no food or beverages are allowed in the Local History Room.

Patrons are responsible for disposing of empty containers and trash in appropriate receptacles. They must clean up any spills or messes they create, and they must bring any damage to the attention of library staff immediately.

Patrons who repeatedly violate this policy may incur limitations on their future ability to bring refreshments into the library.

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