The Canon City Public Library

Food and Drink Policy

LIBRARY POLICY

Canon City Public Library strives to create a welcoming, clean, and comfortable environment. It is consistent with this goal to allow food and drinks in the Library in a responsible and considerate manner to minimize the risk of damage to Library collections, computers, and furnishings while meeting the needs of users who are in the Library for extended periods.

Considerate consumption of snack food or a covered beverage is allowed in public areas of the Library unless otherwise noted.

LIBRARY PROCEDURES

A. Certain areas of the Library may be designated as "No Food or No Drink" zones.

- Food is not permitted while using Library computers, printers, photocopiers, microfilm readers, or other electrical equipment.
- Drinks can be kept on the floor of computer lab if they have securable tops and are not permitted on desks or tables in the computer lab.
- Neither food nor drinks are allowed in makerspaces.

B. Snacks and nonalcoholic beverages may be consumed by patrons seated at worktables and in armchairs.

- Beverages must be in a soda can or a container with a lid or cap.
- Food preparation is not allowed.
- Food cannot be messy, greasy or have a strong odor.
- Food cannot disturb others.
- Food cannot pose a threat to library resources.

C. Food cannot be left unattended. Unattended food and drink openly displayed in public areas will be discarded.

D. No group meals are allowed in public areas.

E. Library patrons are expected to be responsible for food and drinks consumed in the library. Trash should be disposed of in the receptacles provided. Spills should be reported immediately to staff. Areas should be left clean for use by others.

Ryan Stevens, City Administrator   **Date**   3/26/24

Sue Hitt, Library/Museum Board Chair   **Date**   03/28/24