

Food and Drink Policy in the Library

To maximize the comfort of our patrons, the Cambridge Public Library allows food and non-alcoholic drinks at all seven of our locations with these few restrictions:

- **Water** is allowed everywhere except adjacent to library equipment such as computers, scanner or printers
 - No food or beverages are allowed near any library equipment
- Food and beverages are allowed exclusively in non-carpeted areas of the Library
 - All library locations will have at least one table in the youth area which is designated food-free for the use of young patrons with food allergies. Staff will be happy to help you identify these locations

In all cases:

- Drinks must be in containers that are securely covered at all times
- Refuse from food or drinks needs to be promptly placed in the trash and empty food containers put away appropriately

Good public service requires that the library environment be conducive to study, reading, and research. This necessitates the willingness of all library users to be considerate of the rights of others to work safely and undisturbed. If in the judgment of staff, the presence of food or drink is compromising that experience, a patron may be asked to remove it.