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1. Purpose

While visiting the Library, patrons may want to enjoy a drink or snack. To help maintain a clean, respectful space for all, responsible consumption is encouraged.

2. Policy

Food and drink are welcome in the Orillia Public Library. To create a clean and comfortable space for all, responsible and occasionally restricted consumption is required by all Library users.

3. Procedure

Section 1 – Guidelines

The following guidelines have been designed to balance customer convenience and comfort with cleanliness. To ensure a clean, safe, and welcoming environment for all the following guidelines are to be followed.

- a. Non-alcoholic drinks only, preferably in spill proof cups or bottles with screw caps. No open drinks may be consumed around computers, in Local History, or in the Makerspace.
- b. No food may be consumed near computers, in Local History, or in the Makerspace.



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- c. All patrons are asked to be considerate of others and clean up after themselves by placing all trash in receptacles provided. Please ensure all areas are left clean for use by others.
- d. In the event of an accidental spill customers are expected to:
 - i. Clean up the spill promptly or ask a staff member for assistance,
 - ii. Let a staff member know so that damaged materials are properly treated.

Section 2 – Allergies

- a. As a public facility, the Library cannot ensure an allergy-free environment. All parents, guardians, and caregivers are responsible for monitoring consumption of food and drinks by children under their supervision while using our facilities. As such, it is advised that all caregivers of children with allergies remain vigilant as in other public venues. Hand washing is recommended and the use of hand sanitizers are placed throughout the Library.
- b. On the occasion food or drink is served by the Library, staff will strive to ensure that all food and drink is nut-free. Staff will keep labels listing ingredients during the event to answer any questions.

Related Documents

- Orillia Public Library: Code of Conduct (OP-03)
- Orillia Public Library: Local History (OP-13)
- Orillia Public Library: Makerspace (OP-11)
- Orillia Public Library: Public Computing and Internet Use (OP-07)