



## Tom Green County Food and Drink Policy

The library encourages the use of its facilities as a place for research, study, reflection, and leisure. To promote a welcoming environment, the Tom Green County Library System permits the consumption of food and drink on the premises.

The libraries' food and drink policy seeks to accommodate our users and encourage use of library resources while protecting the community's substantial investment in its collections and technology. Some restrictions on consumption of food are necessary because the presence of food and drink in the library introduces potential for damage. Food and drink not discarded properly invite pest infestation that can lead to widespread damage. Staff always reserves the right to enforce policy regarding food and drink in the library.

In an effort to maintain a clean and inviting environment, please follow these simple guidelines when eating and drinking in the library:

- Limit snacks to discreet and easily consumed items
- Only contained, tidy snacks are allowed at computer stations
- All drinks must have lids
- Limit snacks to odorless, crumb-free, and simple food items
- Snacks should be uncluttered and singular in nature (no crackers with spread, chips and dip, etc.)
- Keep it simple. You should be able to consume your snack discreetly, leaving no trail behind

### **Policy:**

1. Food and drink is permitted in all areas of the library.
2. Staff always reserves the right to enforce policy and determine misuse of food and drink consumption in the library.
3. Drinks are permitted in covered containers only.
4. User should dispose of food and drink refuse in trash receptacles.
5. Spilled food or drink should be cleaned immediately with paper towels available in all restrooms.
6. Greasy, odorous, and messy foods are not allowed in the library.
7. Food and drink must be minimal, well-contained and unobtrusive.
8. Limit one bag per patron and no "setup" allowed.
9. Be respectful of your surroundings and always leave furnishings in the same or better condition than you found them.

