

WEST WARWICK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Food and Drink Policy (Trial Period)

In an effort to provide a comfortable environment for our patrons while preserving our library materials, computer equipment and furnishings, the West Warwick Public Library is now permitting (on a trial basis) the consumption of food and drinks in a designated area of the library. This area takes the form of two café-type tables located in the tiled area of the library foyer, adjacent to the bathroom.

The guidelines for consumption of food and drink are as follows:

Patrons may use the designated space for the consumption of food and drink. The following items are **NOT** permitted: substantial meals; foods with a strong odor; food items that create excessive mess.

Tables should be left clean and garbage disposed of in the bin provided.

The consumption of food is not allowed in non-designated areas, including restrooms. In special circumstances, staff may designate additional area(s) for food consumption on a case by case basis.

Non-alcoholic drinks with secure lids are permitted throughout the library, except at computer workstations.

No food or drinks are permitted at any computer workstation - patrons will be held responsible for any damage to computer equipment from spills and messes.

No food or drink (with the exception of water) may be consumed in the two "privacy pods" on the first and second floors.

No food deliveries can be made to the library.

Free summer meals for children and teens must be consumed in the Nash Room or at outdoor picnic tables.

Patrons are responsible for monitoring the consumption of food and drinks by children under their supervision.

Patrons refusing to follow food and drink guidelines may be subject to further action, including being asked to leave the library.

FOR THE CONVENIENCE AND COMFORT OF ALL, PLEASE

Clean up after yourself and dispose of garbage

Empty all unused beverages before disposing of them in trash

Free up the table(s) after you have finished eating

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