



FOOD AND DRINK RULES

Providence Community Library strives to maintain a welcoming and comfortable environment for our patrons.

All locations allow the consumption of snacks and drinks in designated areas with the consideration of preserving our library materials, computer equipment and furnishings.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Snack items are permitted in libraries.
- Non-alcoholic drinks with secure lids are permitted.
- Patrons are encouraged to consume items that are odor free, noiseless and do not leave stains at study tables, carrels and reading areas.
- Food and drinks are not allowed in designated areas such as computer labs or carrels, restrooms, and where signs are posted prohibiting food and drinks.

FOOD AND DRINK AND COMPUTERS

- No food or drinks are permitted at any computer workstations.
- Patrons may be responsible for damage to computer equipment from spills and messes.



***PLEASE,
NO FOOD OR DRINK
AT COMPUTER
STATIONS***

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES SHOULD YOU EAT OR DRINK IN THE LIBRARY

- Please ensure all areas used are left clean for use by others.
- Paper towels are available in public washrooms and will be kept at public service desks to help you clean-up.
- Garbage cans are placed in all areas permitting food and drinks.
- Recycling bins may be found in public areas.
- Empty all unused beverages before disposing of them in trash or recycling receptacles.

ENFORCEMENT OF THE FOOD AND DRINK RULES

- Patrons will be encouraged to abide by library policies to maintain a clean study and work environment.
- Staff will remind patrons about these rules.
- Patrons refusing to follow food and drink guidelines may be subject to further action, up to and including being asked to leave the Library.
- To answer questions regarding *Providence Community Library: Food and Drink Rules* you may request staff to print a copy from the website.

BREASTFEEDING

- Providence Community Library supports a mother's right to breastfeed in all library facilities.

FOOD AT LIBRARY EVENTS

- On the occasion that food or drink is served, staff will insure that all food and drink is nut free. Staff will keep labels listing ingredients during the event to answer any questions.
- The Library does not accept homemade contributions for public events.
- Parents, teachers, and supervisors of young children shall be alerted when food or drink is served at children's programs. Feel free to decline the offer of any food or drink served.

FOOD ALLERGIES

- You are responsible for monitoring the consumption of food and drinks by children under your supervision. This includes food and drink that is *not* served by library staff.
- If you are in the care of children with allergies, remain vigilant. Be aware that the public are allowed to consume snacks and drinks in most areas of the library.
- We strongly recommend hand washing and the use of hand sanitizers.

MEETING ROOMS

- Rules for food and beverages provided by private groups using library space are detailed under the *Providence Community Library Meeting Room Policy*. This information is available through PCL's website by the following URL: <http://www.provcomlib.org/about-us/policies/meeting-room-policy>
- In addition, no food shall be cooked on site, and no open flame is permitted.