

## Anderson Public Library Food and Beverage Policy

The Anderson Public Library strives to create a welcoming, clean, and comfortable environment for all to enjoy.

Food and Beverage consumption is allowed in the Library except in areas designated food-free zones. In areas not designated food-free zones, foods are limited to pre-packaged snacks, finger foods, or wrapped items that are odor-free and unlikely to leave stains, such as granola bars, nuts, and pretzels. Smelly, messy or sticky foods are not allowed. The vending area is open for all customers to consume food and beverages that are not appropriate in other Library common areas.

Customers are expected to “leave no trace” of food/beverage consumption, cleaning up after themselves and disposing of any trash. Food or drink spills should be reported to library staff so that prompt action can be taken to minimize damage.

Unattended food and drink may be removed and discarded.

Beverages are allowed only in a spill-proof cup or screw-top container. Here are some examples of approved containers:



### **FOOD-FREE ZONES:**

Computer areas (e.g. the Adult, Teen and Children's computers) – No Food or Beverages on tables/desks or consumed in area

Business machine areas (e.g. around photocopiers, printers, microfilm readers and self-check machines) – No Food or Beverages near machines or consumed in area

Indiana Room – No Food or Beverages consumed in area