

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 as food and beverage-free zones. In areas not designated as food and beverage-free zones, food is 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. Beverages are allowed only in a spill-proof cup or screw-top container.

Food consumption is not permitted in the library during a public health emergency.

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 will be removed and discarded.

**FOOD AND BEVERAGE-FREE ZONES:**

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

Business machine areas (e.g. around photocopiers, printers, microfilm readers and self-check machines) – No food or beverages are permitted near machines or consumed in the area

Indiana Room – No food or beverages are to be consumed in the area