

Food & Beverage Policy

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The Groton Public Library holds a unique place as an educational and cultural center for the community. To maintain a welcoming, clean, and comfortable environment for all while also accommodating the needs of patrons at the library for extended periods, the following food and beverage policy has been established:

- Covered beverages are allowed in every area of the library except for the Historical Room. Only water is allowed in the Historical Room, and only if no rare or precious documents are on the table.
- Snacks / Light Refreshments are permitted in the library in the following designated areas ONLY:
 - First Floor:
 - Community Room (opposite Children's)
 - Main Lobby (bulletin board area)
 - Second Floor: Café Area (west windows semi-circle)
- Foods that are smelly, messy, greasy, or noisy are not allowed in the library at any time. The only exception is for special library staff-supervised events.
- Special Guidelines for Sibley Hall (Owen Smith Shuman Art Gallery): Light refreshments only are allowed at non-library events that are pre-approved and coordinated through the Circulation Department.

Be considerate of others: clean up after yourself, properly dispose of all trash, and notify staff immediately if there is a spill that needs attention. Your cooperation is appreciated.