

SCHULTZ-HOLMES MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Food and Beverage Policy

Objective:

1. To provide a safe and comfortable environment for library patrons engaged in information gathering, entertainment and recreational activities reasonably associated with a public library and in keeping with the mission statement of the Schultz-Holmes Memorial library. The library is a public place and endeavors to provide equal access to all patrons.
2. To define and limit authorized consumption of beverages, to describe acceptable containers approved for beverages, and to designate authorized areas for beverage consumption.
3. The policy is not intended to limit the consumption of food and beverages during library-sanctioned events, by library employees, or during official meetings or rentals in the auditorium.

Provisions:

1. No food may be consumed in the library except during official library-sanctioned events.
2. Beverages in approved, spill-resistant containers may be consumed only in the seating area near the front window and in the booths near the auditorium door and in the children's area.
3. No beverages may be consumed in any other area, including the front desk, the children's area, the stacks, the AV room, or near the computers.
4. No beverage containers of any sort are allowed near the computers or other electronic equipment at any time.
5. Patrons are responsible for any damage resulting from their beverages, even when using approved containers in authorized areas. Parents or other adults supervising children are responsible for children's beverages and behavior.
6. Please report any spill immediately. Damage is usually less when the spill gets immediate attention.
7. Containers must be sturdy and have secure lids. No open containers or fast-food-type paper cups with plastic lids are allowed. No Styrofoam coffee cups with pop-on lids are allowed. Neither are soda cans, open cups, milk cartons, or any other beverage container without a secure lid.
8. Approved beverage containers include reusable travel mugs or cups with sealable lids, sport bottles with pop-up spouts, screw top bottles, and straw-equipped bottles.
9. The lists of approved and unapproved containers are intended to be descriptive and not exhaustive. Library staff alone has the authority to approve a container.
10. Please do not ask staff to store your beverages or to throw away containers for you. Please dispose of unapproved containers before entering library.

Patrons who violate this policy or who encourage the violation of this policy by others will be asked to stop and may be asked to leave the building and/or to terminate

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electronic or wireless connections immediately. The Blissfield Police Department may be requested at the discretion of library staff.

Library staff (and the library board on appeal) are empowered to interpret the provisions of this policy. Repeated violations of any aspect of this policy or the failure to cover damage costs may result in the suspension of library use rights and privileges. The length of suspension will be determined by library staff and will be reviewed by the library director. All appeals must be made in writing, first, to the library director and, then, to the library board.

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