# Food & Drink Policy

The Bethel Library is committed to creating and maintaining an environment of lifelong learning and literacy for all. As part of fostering that environment, the library has adopted the following food and drink policy.

### **Drinks**

Non-alcoholic drinks in covered containers are permitted throughout library spaces.

### **Snacks**

Snacks are permitted throughout Library spaces. Snacks for the purpose of this policy are smaller food items which can be enclosed in packaging such as granola bars, chips, nuts, pretzels, or cookies. Please avoid snacks that disturb those around you (i.e., aromatic foods) or that might damage library materials.

#### Meals

Meals and messy foods are not permitted in the library.

Waste disposal and cleanup

Please clean up and dispose of all food waste, beverage containers, wrappers, etc. in a designated waste bin when you leave. Spaces should be left clean. Notify library staff of any spills.

Providing a clean and pest-free environment is an important part of the library's mission to create an environment for learning and literacy.

### library approved events

library administration may approve special events during which exemptions to the food and drink policy may be made. Prior approval from library administration must be sought for any exemptions to the food and drink policy.

## Food and drink policy violations

Library users who are not complying with the library's food and drink policy will be notified of the policy and asked to abide by it. Users who fail to abide by the policy will be asked to leave the library.