Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library Policy	Policy # L 10
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FOOD AND DRINK POLICY

The Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library strives to maintain a pleasant, welcoming and comfortable environment for all patrons. The Library allows the consumption of snacks and drinks in designated areas with the consideration of preserving our library materials, computer equipment and furniture. This policy is at the discretion of Library staff and the permission to consume food or drink in the Library can be removed.

1. General Guidelines

- Non-alcoholic drinks with secure lids are permitted in designated areas
- Snack items that are odour-free, noiseless and do not leave stains or marks on furnishings are permitted in designated areas

2. Designated areas include

- Worktables
- Tables on the green tiled floor in Youth Services
- Board Room
- Auditorium

3. Food and Drinks are not permitted in the following areas

- Computer stations
- Local History alcove
- Library washrooms

4. Patron Responsibilities

- Ensure all areas are left clean for others to use
- Use the garbage and recycling cans provided

Library patrons who do not follow these guidelines may be subject to further action, up to and including being asked to leave the Library.

5. Food at Library Hosted Events

- On the occasion that food or drink is served staff will keep labels listing ingredients at the event to answer any questions. The Library will not accept homemade contributions for distribution at public events.
- Caregivers will be alerted when food or drink is served at children's programs.

6. Food Allergies

- Caregivers are responsible for monitoring the consumption of food or drink by children under their supervision.
- Patrons with allergies are encouraged to be vigilant. Be aware that the public are allowed to consume food and drinks in most areas of the Library.
- As this is a public space, we cannot guarantee that the Library will be nut free.

7. Breastfeeding

The Library supports a mother's right to breastfeed anytime, anywhere. Nursing mothers are welcome to breastfeed in the library wherever it is convenient to them.