



Food and Drink Restrictions

The Rule: NO FOOD in the Library.

DRINKS IN OTHER AREAS OF THE LIBRARY ONLY IN CLOSED CONTAINERS.
Spill-proof containers are strongly encouraged.

Reasons: We must restrict food in the library and drink for the following reasons:

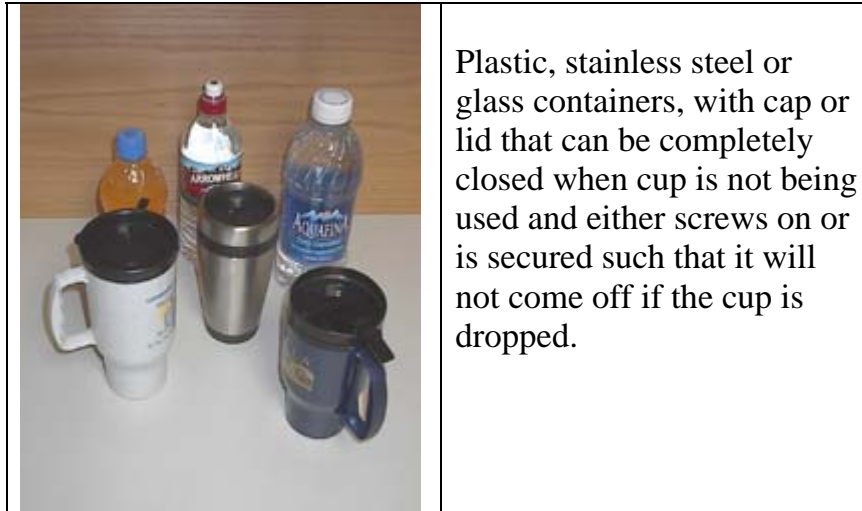
- We do not have sufficient janitorial staff to clean up the mess associated with spills and debris.
- Eating or chewing gum can be distracting to others.
- Any food or drink spilled will damage the books, as well as furnishings and computers.
- Crumbs and spills attract bugs and vermin, both of which are not only unpleasant but a hazard to books and people.
- If we develop a bug problem, we must use chemical insecticides, which are not good for anyone.

Guidelines: Therefore we ask that everyone follow these guidelines:

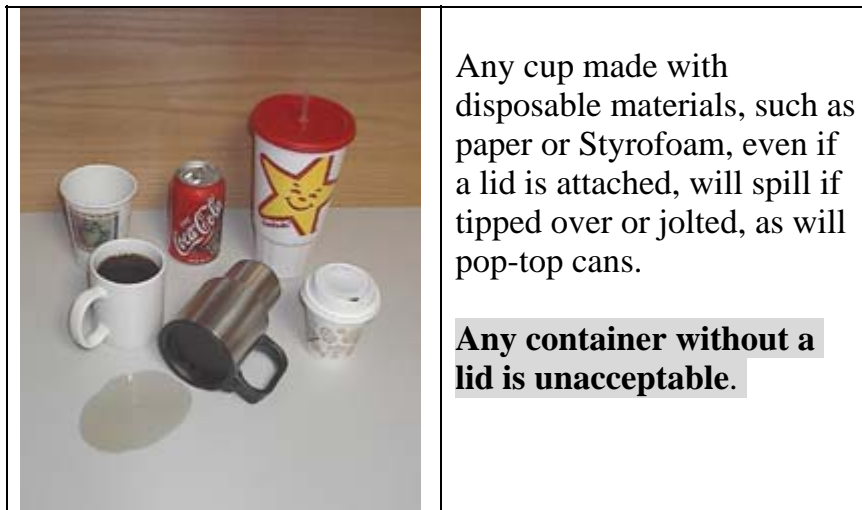
- Follow the rules: don't bring food in, and limit drinks to those in acceptable containers.
- Follow the rule anywhere in the library, including the stairs coming into the building and the area outside the Seminar Room.
- Don't put drinks near library computers, equipment or printers. Be cautious about putting a drink anywhere near a laptop, since spills on laptops can damage the laptop greatly.
- Remove and recycle any plastic or glass bottles you bring into the building.
- If you do have a spill, go to the Circulation Desk on S-2 to get supplies to clean up any mess.
- Keep caps screwed on bottles and lids closed when you are not drinking from a container.

See over for examples of preferred containers.

Examples of preferred containers:



Examples of unacceptable and less desirable containers:



If you want to eat or drink a beverage in an unacceptable container, go to the snack bar on level one of the legal research building, where you will find tables and seating.

If the snack bar is open, you can purchase a spill-proof container there; we *much prefer that drinks be contained in containers such as those on the top illustration.*

Thank you for your cooperation. The purpose of this restriction is to keep the library a pleasant place to study while protecting the books, building and inhabitants from problems caused by food and drink. We periodically review the rule; if we find that there are too many problems caused by allowing any drinks in the library, we will go back to not allowing any food and drink.