

Putnam County Public Library
Patron Food Policy*

The Putnam County Public Library strives to create a welcoming, clean, and comfortable environment for all patrons to enjoy. In line with this goal, snacks and drinks are allowed in the library except in designated areas and should be consumed in a responsible and courteous manner. Food and drinks can pose a potential risk to library collections and equipment. In order to protect our resources and areas from damage, we ask that you act responsibly when consuming snacks and drinks in the library. Patrons violating this policy will be asked to remove the food and drink from the area.

- Foods are limited to pre-packaged snacks, finger foods, or wrapped items that are odor-free and unlikely to leave stains, such as granola bars, nuts, and pretzels. Hot, smelly, greasy, messy, or sticky foods like pizza, burgers, and fries, which might disturb others, are not allowed.
- Group meals and food delivery are not allowed in public areas except for pre-arranged and approved meetings in public meeting rooms.
- In designated quiet areas, food consumption must be silent.
- Beverages are allowed in a spill-proof cup, a can, or screw-top container. No open containers allowed.
- No alcoholic beverages allowed.
- Patrons must report spills immediately to staff and discard all trash after eating or drinking.
- Unattended food will be discarded.

*Based upon Aurora (Ill.) Public Library Snack Policy

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