



Food, Drink and Tobacco

Policy Statement

Food is prohibited in UMD Library buildings.

UMD prohibits smoking in all indoor facilities. The use of all tobacco products is prohibited in UMD Library buildings.

Non-alcoholic beverages in spill-proof, non-breakable containers are allowed in UMD Library buildings.

Acceptable containers include molded plastic or stainless steel cups or mugs with secure, sealed lids, pop-top or pull-top sports bottles and bottles with screw top lids.

Unacceptable containers include: pop cans, paper coffee cups with or without lids, paper, plastic or polystyrene cups with a straw hole in the lid, flimsy plastic cups, glass containers, any open container.

Rationale

The Library is responsible for keeping library materials, computer equipment, library surfaces, and furnishings in the best condition for our users. The Library is responsible also for maintaining a healthy environment. Food and food residue attract mice, rats, cockroaches, and silverfish. These pests will damage library materials and pose potential health hazards to human beings. Spills from food and drink can cause permanent stains, mold, and mildew as well as irreparable damage to library materials, furnishings, carpets, computers, library surfaces, and other equipment.

Enforcement

People who disregard the Library's policy on food, drink, and tobacco will be asked to either 1) put their food or unacceptable drink container away, 2) dispose of them, or 3) leave the library.

Library employees are authorized to refer students who are uncooperative to the Student Conduct Code Coordinator. Library employees also are authorized to call Campus Police when people are uncooperative.

The Library reserves the right to suspend this policy for special events.

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