

**Lied Public Library Policy**  
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## Food and Beverage Policy

The Clarinda Lied Public Library strives to create a clean and comfortable environment for the public. The Library has adopted the following guidelines for the consumption of food and beverages in public areas of the Library.

A patron bringing in food is not allowed in the library except in the Multipurpose Room. Food poses many risks to our collection, as well as library furnishings. The most serious problems occur when food residue attracts rodents and other pests or creates harmful conditions like mold. The library appreciates your understanding and cooperation assisting us in keeping both materials and furnishings in good working order.

Beverages in resealable containers (such as bottles with screw tops, and mugs or cups with lids) are the only refreshments that may be consumed in the Library. Users need to keep these containers closed when not in use to avoid accidental spills and bring beverages only into designated areas of the library. A designated area is one which does not have a computer. Beverages in any container are prohibited near computers.

***The Director may make exceptions to this policy for special events.***

Alcoholic beverages are NOT allowed anywhere on the library grounds.

The Library staff requests your help keeping the library clean by disposing of empty beverage containers in the trash receptacles provided and to notify staff immediately if a spillage occurs.