

# Wharton County Junior College Library

## Food and Drink Policy

### Rationale

The WCJC library recognizes students' need for a convenient, welcoming, and comfortable environment for studying, performing research, and completing schoolwork. The library also has the essential responsibility of protecting its physical resources, including the collection, furnishings, equipment, and technology. In an effort to serve student needs while maintaining the resources of the facility, the library has established a food and drink policy.

### Policy

**No food is permitted in the library, including the Open Lab and Symposium Classroom.**

**Drinks are allowed in the library if users comply with the guidelines below:**

- Drinks in closed containers, such as travel cups or plastic bottles with re-sealable (screw-top or snap-on) lids, **are allowed**.
- Drinks in fast food cups with plastic lids and straws, in cans, or in paper or Styrofoam cups are **not allowed**.
- Keep the lid on the drink in between sips.
- Report any spills to the library staff immediately.
- Place drinks on a flat, hard surface, not on chair cushions, backpacks, or carpet.
- Drink containers cannot be brought in for use as tobacco spit cups. **Tobacco use is not permitted in any WCJC building.**
- Dispose of all drink-related trash before you leave the library.
- Alcohol is prohibited in the library.

### Reminders

- Users violating this policy will be asked to remove the food and/or drink from the area.
- Drinks left unattended will be discarded.
- The library reserves the right to suspend this policy for special events.
- Library staff will continually review this policy to ensure that collections and facilities in the J.M. Hodges Library remain unaffected by food and drink in the building. This policy will be modified when necessary.
- College departments which share space in the library building have their own food and drink policies to which users will adhere in those areas.