

Food and Drinks Policy

Food (eating) in the Santa Ana College Nealley Library is **not** allowed. Drinks, however, are allowed with reasonable restrictions. **REMEMBER** that you are in a library surrounded by books, computers, and other people that do not react well to having liquids spilled on them. Please be responsible and respectful.

Items containing food or liquids, left behind in the library, will not be kept in lost and found and will be disposed of at the end of the day. Please keep food and food containers in your backpack or purse.

Beverage Policy:

Drinking from containers with tight fitting lids is permitted in all areas of the library **EXCEPT** at computer stations and around library laptops.

Containers that are allowed in most areas of the library include the following:

Travel mugs (you can turn them upside down with no spills)



Screw top water bottles



Screw top soda bottles



NOT ALLOWED

Disposable cups (for example iced or hot containers from Starbucks)



Enforcement of the Food and Drink Policy:

We strongly prefer that our users monitor themselves and abide by this policy, which has been designed to balance the needs of the library with the convenience of our patrons. However, if a library staff member does observe a violation of this policy, the staff member will inform the person and ask that they remove food from the library, relocate or leave the building. Users who refuse to adhere to this policy after being notified by a library staff member may be reported to Campus Safety & Security.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Question: Why is eating not allowed in the library?

Answer: Food attracts mice, rats, cockroaches, ants, silverfish, and other insects. These unwanted guests not only destroy library materials, they can pose a health hazard to library users and staff.

By keeping food out of the library, we limit the chances of pest infestation and damage, and our custodial staff will have an easier time keeping the library building clean.

Question: What should I do if I encounter or create a spill?

Answer: We understand that, even with the utmost care, an occasional spill will occur. Should this happen, request a “spill kit” at the Reference Desk. A “spill kit” contains materials that will help you clean up a spill. Please do not leave a spill or mess without at least informing a library staff member.

Question: What if I accidentally left my tupperware in the library?

Answer: Items left behind at the library (with food or liquids still left inside) will not be kept at lost and found and will be thrown away. We do apologize, but we can't leave food or drink to go bad and rotten in the library, we also do not have the facilities to clean your left behind items.