

## Food and Drink Policy

### PURPOSE:

The James Prendergast Library Association (JPLA) is an educational and cultural center for our community. To maintain a welcoming, clean, and comfortable environment, and as a designated warming and cooling center in Chautauqua County, we have established the following Food and Drink Policy.

We appreciate your cooperation in maintaining our shared space.

### POLICY:

For your convenience, eating food or consuming beverages in JPLA is permitted in the designated 'Snack Area.' This area, located in the front of the library's main floor, has chairs and several tables with signs that say 'snack table' for easy identification.

To maintain a clean and comfortable environment for JPLA users and staff, food eaten needs to be of the "snack" variety. Light snacks include:

- Vending machine-type foods, such as candy, granola bars, small bags of chips, nuts, and dried fruit
- Similar items in single-serving amounts, packaged and brought from home, such as items included in a bag lunch

**Please note: Hot foods, carry-out or delivered meals (including fast food), and food that requires preparation in the library (for example, use of condiments and sauces) are not permitted.**

Drinking non-alcoholic beverages from spill-proof cups, cans, or screw-top containers is allowed in the 'Snack Area;' open containers are not. Water in containers with lids is permitted in all areas of the library.

The snack area has garbage cans to use. All JPLA users are requested to dispose of their trash responsibly. Please report spills and stains to JPLA staff as soon as possible.

For safety purposes, JPLA staff will discard unattended food and drink.