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The Casselman Public Library is committed to maintaining a clean, safe, and welcoming environment for all patrons by regulating the consumption of food in public spaces.

Section 1: Scope

This policy applies to all individuals visiting the Casselman Public Library, including patrons, visitors, and volunteers.

General Guidelines

Section 2: Authorized Areas

Food consumption is permitted only in designated areas (e.g., the bistro corner and lounge).
In study or service areas (e.g., book stacks, circulation desks, children's corner), food is not permitted.

Section 3: Permitted Types of Food

- a) Only dry, non-odorous snacks (e.g., granola bars, dried fruit) are allowed in certain areas.
- b) Full meals, hot or odorous foods, or foods requiring utensils are not permitted.
- c) Beverages: Resealable containers (e.g., water bottles, cups with lids) are allowed. Drinks without lids or that can easily spill are not permitted outside designated areas.

Section 4: Cleanliness and Respect

Patrons must dispose of their waste in the appropriate garbage and recycling bins.
Anyone who leaves a mess may be held responsible for cleaning it or may lose access to certain areas.

Section 5: Special Events

During programs or receptions organized by the Casselman Public Library, exceptions to this policy may be granted with the approval of library management.

Section 6: Allergies and Safety

Due to allergy risks, peanuts and tree nuts are strongly discouraged.
Any unattended food will be discarded for safety reasons.

Section 7: Non-Compliance

Failure to comply with this policy may result in a warning, temporary restriction of access, or, in cases of repeated non-compliance, exclusion from public areas.