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Policy

The New York University Bobst Library is committed to protecting an environment conducive to intellectual pursuit. Food and beverages can damage Library collections and equipment with spills and messes, and they attract rodents and other unwanted pests. Food odors and sounds are also annoying to other users.

The NYU Bobst Library Food and Drink Policy provides guidelines for Library users to enjoy an occasional snack in designated areas during study, while protecting our shared resources and maintaining a clean and welcoming learning environment for all Library users.

Please adhere to the following policy to help preserve the materials, furnishings and environment at the library.

- Covered beverages and small, contained snacks are permitted on Lower Levels 1 & 2, and floors 2-10, with the following exceptions:
  - All computer workstations
  - Special collections (Tamiment, Fales, University Archives)
  - Reference areas
  - Bobst Library Gallery
  - Digital Studio and Data Service Studio
  - Avery Fisher Center

- Open plates of food, as well as messy, aromatic foods such as pizza, salad, and takeout, are permitted only in the Snack Lounge on Lower Level 1 and the Graduate Exchange on the 10th floor.

- Individuals who have these foods elsewhere will be reminded of the policy and asked to relocate. NYU Public Safety officers will be contacted if this is a problem.

- All areas should be as clean as, or cleaner than, they were before study or use. Trash and recyclables are to be placed in the appropriate containers, and spills should be wiped up.

- Library users who refuse to comply with the Library Food and Drink Policy are considered in violation of the Library Conduct Code.
Small snacks and covered beverages are permitted in the Library except at computer workstations and designated areas.

Open meals and messy or aromatic foods are permitted only in the snack lounge in Lower Level 1.

Please silence cell phones and keep conversations on balconies, atrium, lower level corridors and snack lounge.

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Related Policies

Division of Libraries. Library Conduct Code