The purpose of the Library’s Food, Drink, and Tobacco policy is to

- Protect the various library collections from both direct and indirect damage.
- Protect computers, photocopiers, reader/printers, and other equipment from direct damage.
- Protect library furnishings from damage.
- Contribute to the ease of maintaining a clean, inviting environment conducive to conducting research, studying, and learning.

**TOBACCO PRODUCTS**

Inhaling of secondary smoke from cigarettes, cigars, and pipes is a health hazard to individuals. The byproducts of both smoking and the chewing of tobacco damage library collections, equipment, and furnishings. Accordingly, there is to be no smoking and no chewing of tobacco within the Library.

**FOOD AND DRINK**

Direct damage to materials, equipment, and furnishings is caused from spills of food and drink. Indirect damage results from vermin being attracted to the spills. However, it is recognized that the environment that is best for books, journals, and other library collections is not optimal for people. It is also recognized that for certain student populations, there is a need for a location in which to consume meals between or before classes. Accordingly, the following exceptions are made:

1. Food and drink may be consumed in the “Gathering Place” during hours that the Library is open.
2. Food and drink may be purchased and/or consumed in the Andruss Café between 8 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., Monday—Friday. Access to this controlled space is from the outside the Library. Food purchased there also can be consumed in the “Gathering Place”.
3. No food is to be consumed in the Library beyond the entrance gate.
4. Drinks may be carried into the Library and consumed within the Library if they are in closed containers. A closed container is defined as one with a firm snap-on lid or a screw-on cover. NOTE: For the purpose of this policy, cans of soda and paper, cardboard, or Styrofoam cups with removable lids are not considered “closed”.
5. Library employees are provided with a staff lounge in which to take breaks and eat meals while at work. They may also consume food and beverages in their workspaces, provided those areas are not public spaces. When working at a public space (e.g. Reference Desk, Access Services Desk, Archives/Special Collections Reading Room), staff members should comply with the food and drink policies delineated in items 1-4.

Any person using any form of tobacco within the Library will be asked to leave the building. Individuals consuming food in areas other than those designated for such consumption will be asked to take their food to one of the areas designated for eating. Individuals consuming beverages not in a closed container will be asked to take that beverage to one of the areas designated for food consumption. Anyone refusing to comply with a request to follow this policy will be asked to leave the Library. Should a person refuse to do so, the staff members will contact the University Police.

Respectibility for enforcing this policy is shared by everyone working in the Library.