

## Edith B. Siegrist Vermillion Public Library 18 Church Street, Vermillion, SD, 57069 • (605) 677-7060 • www.vermillionpubliclibrary.org

## Food and Beverages in the Library

The Edith B. Siegrist Vermillion Public Library strives to maintain a pleasant, welcoming and comfortable environment for our public.

For the comfort of our patrons, the Edith B. Siegrist Vermillion Public Library allows food & beverages in the library. We ask our patrons to clean up after themselves, and to notify staff if there is a spill that needs attention. Patrons are expected to "leave no trace" and take responsibility for maintaining a sanitary and pleasant environment. Trash receptacles are provided for your convenience throughout the library.

Patrons who cannot adequately remove food or drink, especially when spilled or dropped, should report it to library staff so that prompt action can be taken to minimize any potential damage.

Unattended food and drink may be removed and discarded.

Library staff reserves the right to ask anyone who disregards the conditions of this notice, or is causing a disruption to other patron's ability to use the library, to remove the food or drink from the building or leave.

## **Allergies**

The Edith B. Siegrist Vermillion Public Library cannot guarantee an allergen free atmosphere. Please be aware that at the Edith B. Siegrist Vermillion Public Library we use food in some of our programs, both as snacks and as craft supplies. Persons with food allergies are responsible for monitoring refreshments served at the library. Responsibility for monitoring minors rests with the parent/guardian/custodial caregiver. Parents of minors with allergies shall monitor their children at all times.

Library staff do not oversee food for potential allergens, such as nuts or dairy. Those with severe allergies should be aware that allergens may be present in the library. Library patrons should be aware of the possible presence of allergens on library materials and furnishings.

If you are caring for children with allergies, remain vigilant. Be aware that the public is allowed to consume snacks and drinks in the library. Disinfecting wipes and/or cleaner will be available if you wish to wipe down an area. We strongly recommend hand washing and the use of hand sanitizers.

The library does not monitor food brought in by outside groups or persons.

The Library is available to discuss measures to reduce the likelihood of a food allergy reaction at library programs and activities.