**Proposed Policy Manual Updates**

**Executive Summary**

**Food and Drink in the Library – Pages 37-38**

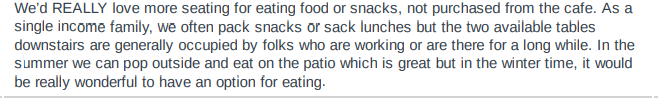
In order to create a more welcoming environment and update our standards to mirror most public libraries, we propose that food and drink can be consumed anywhere in the library. These changes also improve equity and inclusion.

* Removed: All personal food and catered food must be consumed in designated areas on the 1st and 4th floors, respectively.
* Added/edited: Consumption of food and drink in the library is permitted so long as materials, furnishings and equipment are protected and other users’ enjoyment of the library is not disrupted. It is the individual’s responsibility to dispose of trash and report major spills to staff immediately. Unattended food and/or drinks are subject to disposal by staff. Lids must be used on any drinks. Outside food is prohibited in the coffee shop area. Utensils, paper products, and other items in the coffee shop are for coffee shop customers only.

We will continue to address disruptive behaviors, such as consuming messy or strong smelling food.

Trapper Peak and the AUOR partners support these changes. All levels of staff will pitch in to ensure that the library is a clean, safe, and pleasant destination for patrons.

An example of patron feedback often received:



**Library Security & User Behavior - Pages 42-43**

After consulting with County Attorney Brian West. The following changes are proposed:

* Refer to more detailed list of Disorderly Conduct as described in [§45-8-101](https://www.leg.mt.gov/bills/mca/title_0450/chapter_0080/part_0010/section_0010/0450-0080-0010-0010.html).
* Updated “Carrying Weapons” to reflect new legislative changes.
* Removed “may not sleep in the library” to reflect current practice. Staff will continue to perform wellness checks and address disruptive behavior, but patrons will not be trespassed for sleeping.
* Removed subjective language and qualifiers such as “highly” [suspicious] and “clearly irrational.”
* Removed requirement of “object or weapon” from threatens staff or others and removed length of trespass as it is not needed in policy.
* Removed “subsequent” as it suggests expulsion only is available after a second act.
* Regarding appeal process, added: At the meeting, the Board shall hear from the appealing user and any Library representatives. The Board may affirm the decision to expel the user, amend the term of expulsion, or may terminate the expulsion notice and restore the user’s privileges immediately.