

## Library Policies

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### Galter Library Welcomes You

The Galter Health Sciences Library & Learning Center stands with Northwestern University's commitment to a welcoming and inclusive community, regardless of beliefs.

#### **This Library Welcomes You**

All races, ethnicities, and nationalities,  
All religions and diverse abilities,  
All sexual orientations and gender-based identities.  
This Library is a safe space.

#### **This Library Encourages You**

To pursue knowledge and discovery,  
To exercise your right to digital privacy and intellectual freedom,  
To contribute your very best and profoundly change the world.

*Knowledge knows no borders.*

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### Library Access

Please visit our [Library Access](#) page for specific policies related to accessing Galter's resources, and accessing the library building.

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### Food and Drink in the Library

Beverages with secure lids (water bottles, travel mugs, take out cups) are permitted. Through a new pilot program, we are testing a food policy. **Food may only be consumed in the Searle Reading Room and the 1st floor study area under the Mezzanine.** Food is not allowed in the Eckenhoff Reading Room (1st floor), the Mezzanine, nor anywhere on the 2nd floor, including small group rooms. Social activities involving food are not permitted and all waste must be disposed of properly. The success of this pilot will require a community effort; please encourage each other to maintain a clean space.

In addition to the permitted areas on the 1st floor, you may step outside of the library to the Method Atrium to use the tables anytime.

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### Web Privacy Policy

Learn more about the Galter Library website's [privacy policies](#).

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### Animals

Service Animals as described in ADA guidelines and [Northwestern's Service, Assistance, and Other Animals at Northwestern policy](#) are permitted in the library. Service animals are defined as dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. Emotional support, therapy, comfort, and companion animals are not considered service animals under the ADA. If you have questions about service animals in campus buildings, please contact the Office of Civil Rights at [accommodations@northwestern.edu](mailto:accommodations@northwestern.edu).

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### Appropriate Use of Electronic Resources

Please visit our [Appropriate Use of Electronic Resources](#) page for specific policies related to the use of electronic resources provided by Galter and Northwestern University Libraries.

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