

User Survey on Food and Drinks in Japanese Public Libraries

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Abstract : Several decades ago, food and drinks were disallowed in most Japanese libraries. However, as discussions of "Library as a Place" have increased in recent years, the number of public and university libraries that have relaxed their policies to allow food and drinks have been increasing. This study focused on the opinions of library users on allowing food and drinks in public libraries and conducted a questionnaire survey among users of nine Japanese libraries. The results indicated that many users favored allowing food and drinks in libraries. Furthermore, it was found that users tend to frequently visit and stay longer in libraries where food and drinks are allowed.

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