



## **LIBRARY ETIQUETTE & RULES**

The Food Library is located in our home, so we ask members to show consideration to this home, and all those that are invited into it.

The Food Library exists because we want it to be primarily a social space, a location dedicated to food; and we perceive food as a most crucial part of, well, being social.

We ask all members to respect everyone by abiding by the following guidelines:

### **The Lending of Books**

The Food Library is not currently a lending library, it is a reference library, and all books must remain on the premises of The Food Library.

Please see our copyright statement for more information about copying content from the books.

### **Caring for the collection**

To help ensure the survival of the collection for members and future generations to enjoy, please take care of the Library's books: Please do not:

- \* Make any marks in books, whether in pencil, pen or highlighter. Writing in books is expressly against the Library's rules.
- \* Use post-it notes as bookmarks as they can be difficult to remove and can leave a residue which causes pages to stick together over time. Please use bookmarks and refrain from folding over the corner of the page or placing open books face down.
- \* We request that you take extra care of books when transporting them to and from the Library shelves, and keep them dry and well away from food or liquid.

### **Food and drink**

The consumption of food or drink (other than water in a screw-top container which must be kept securely closed when not in use) in the Library is not permitted when

using the books....of course at all other times we would highly recommend eating and drinking!

## **Bags and cases**

Bags and cases may not be taken into the Library and should be left in the utility room of the house. Transparent bags are provided for use in the Library. Coats and umbrellas may be left in the utility room, at members' own risk. Please avoid bringing any items of monetary or sentimental value with you.

## **Security**

The only valuables kept in our house are The Food Library books, homemade produce and our various knick knacks. We rely on our members' honesty and ask that visitors keep everyone's security and comfort in mind.

## **Children and the Library**

We do not allow children into the library, apart from special events when children are accompanied by a supervising adult.

## **Events and Bookings**

Please be caring. We are a small, family-run operation and rely on people staying in touch with us if they have questions, allergies, access requirements, compliments, complaints or have to cancel attending an event. We ask that you contact us with at least 3 days notice if we need to accommodate you or offer a ticket to others.

## **General behaviour**

We cannot accept any rude, intolerant or ignorant behaviour in The Food Library space, or online. We ask that all our guests (physical, or on Social Media for example) are treated with respect.

At the end of the day, we strive for everyone and anyone to gather around the same table to break bread and learn together.

**By joining The Food Library or purchasing a ticket for a Food Library event you are implicitly agreeing to abide by these guidelines, thank you.**