

Message to staff regarding the removal of the vending machines

On February 5th, the following information was sent out to library staff regarding why the vending machines were being removed:

Recently, we formed the “Safety and Welcoming Work Group” to discuss issues around ensuring library visitors and staff feel safe and welcomed. We are looking at everything including policies, policy enforcement, floor and furniture layout, security cameras, staffing issues, potential community partnerships, etc.

*Yesterday, this work group decided to **remove the vending machines** from the library, which will happen on **February 24th**. The machines are a drain on staff time when they break down, or when they “take” people’s money, and finally, when the vending products later become messes throughout the building. From a budgetary standpoint, we receive 10% of the revenue from these machines which amounted to about \$900 in 2025. The vending services no longer offer a good return of investment for the library.*