The University Libraries complies with the State of Illinois, Illinois Clean Indoor Air Act (enacted January 9, 1990), and the Northern Illinois University No Smoking Policy (enacted November 1, 1999). The Northern Illinois University No Smoking Policy stipulates:

Effective November 1, 1999, smoking was prohibited in all facilities at Northern Illinois University, including residence halls, private offices, building lobbies, and stairwells. Smoking is permitted outdoors, including designated smoking areas adjacent to buildings. However, smoking is prohibited in outdoor areas where fixed seating is provided, such as Huskie Stadium.

Anyone found smoking in an area will be asked to extinguish what they are smoking. Upon continued infraction of this policy a person will be asked to leave the Library and/or be subject to charges of violation of University regulations and state laws.