

### **Rationale**

The Northern Illinois University Libraries are committed to providing an environment that is conducive to study and research. Food and beverages have the potential to damage library materials and equipment; their consumption can produce noise and litter which disrupts the atmosphere that encourages study and research.

### **Policy**

Beverages in containers with securely fastened lids and food are allowed in most areas of the library.

Open beverage containers (including paper or Styrofoam cups) are only allowed in the student and staff lounges on the lower level (including the adjacent elevator/escalator lobby) and in designated staff meeting rooms and offices (or in direct transit to one of these staff areas).

Users are liable for any damage to library property and equipment caused by food or beverages.