As an independent private institution, High Point University provides an academic library for the use of its students, faculty, and staff. Other individuals are welcome to visit the library in accordance with university policies. The University reserves the right to restrict any individual from using its materials, equipment, facilities, or services.

Among the rules concerning Library use are:

- Use of the Library and its services are reserved for HPU students, faculty, staff, trustees and members of other university support organizations. Exceptions to this rule may include retired faculty, alumni who wish to visit the library and “special friends” of the University as defined by the University administration. These patrons will need to communicate about access to the library with the Library Director or the Head of Circulation.

- Patrons of TALA (*Triad Academic Library Association) affiliated libraries may have access to Smith Library to check out materials as per the TALA agreement. The TALA borrowing agreement defines these patrons’ use of the collection. They can borrow materials as defined by the borrowing parameters established by each member of the organization.

- High Point University libraries are not open to the community. Visitors to campus are welcome to stop by the library between the hours of 8 am to 5 pm. A scholar or researcher that needs to use content held by the library for research or a special project, may request permission by contacting the Director of Library Services at dbrdyen@highpoint.edu or by calling 336-841-9215.

*The TALA library agreement stipulates:

High Point University Libraries and the Triad Academic Library Association (TALA) reached consensus on a reciprocal borrowing agreement in summer 2008, allowing patrons (students, staff, and faculty) to borrow materials at each other’s’ libraries. A patron must show his or her current ID and, in most instances, will need to verify themselves electronically by showing that they are included in a home campus directory or are an active member of a Blackboard class. The lending school determines the number of items one can borrow and the length of checkout. All patrons are required to return items on time and are liable for the items that they check out.