

Date zotALERT Follow-Up Email Sent to UCI Community: February 11, 2016
Sent To: All UCI Students, Staff and Faculty
Subject: Langson Library Fire Follow-Up

At approximately 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 4, UCI Police Department responded to reports of a fire at Langson Library. A small fire near the air intake on the outside of the building sent smoke into the library, triggering fire alarms at Langson and the Gateway Study Center. A campus zotALERT was issued warning recipients to avoid the area while the buildings were evacuated and the fire extinguished.

Upon further investigation, it was determined that the cause of the fire was a cigarette butt that had been dropped into a grate, setting leaves and other debris on fire. The incident serves to remind us that cigarettes -- in addition to being the source of numerous preventable illnesses -- can pose a fire and safety hazard. Fortunately, this instance resulted in no injuries, but activities in the Library and Study Center were disrupted, and community and campus life safety resources were deployed in response.

Since January 1, 2014, UCI has been a smoke-free and tobacco-free campus. Smoking is not permitted anywhere on campus or other UCI properties. Information on the Smoke Free policy can be found at <http://www.fm.uci.edu/programs/smoke-free/>.

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