

#1 DRAFT POLICY ON DANGEROUS WEAPONS ON LIBRARY PROPERTY

General statement of policy

The _____ County Public Library strives to provide a safe, inviting environment for its patrons and staff members. The Library holds that carrying a dangerous weapon in the library may not be conducive to fostering such an environment for all staff and patrons.

The Library acknowledges that many objects, even ones commonly found in library facilities, could become “dangerous weapons.” For the purposes of this policy, however, a “dangerous weapon” includes “firearms” and “handguns” as defined in the Kentucky Revised Statutes, along with any weapon that meets the requirements for a concealed carry license regardless of whether the weapon is carried in a concealed manner.

Dangerous weapons discouraged

KRS 65.870 allows the open or concealed carrying of firearms in many public facilities. While the Library will tolerate the possession of such weapons in accordance with the law and will not abridge the protections and rights set forth in this statute, the Library requests that patrons and staff members refrain from carrying a dangerous weapon onto library property.

The Library recognizes that the display of dangerous weapons may create an uncomfortable environment for patrons or staff members. Library staff members are instructed to contact the police immediately in any situation where the behavior of a person causes a substantial disturbance or threat, with the presence of a dangerous weapon being of special significance. The unnecessary brandishing of a dangerous weapon, under any circumstances, will be considered just cause for contacting the police.

Juveniles and Firearms

KRS 527.100 specifically prohibits the carrying of a firearm by a person under the age of eighteen. The police will be contacted in any instance where it is reasonably believed a juvenile possesses a dangerous weapon on library property.

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In accordance with Kentucky Statute the _____ Public Library will not restrict the right of adult library users from carrying concealed or unconcealed deadly weapons onto the library grounds or premises. However, the _____ Public Library does request that users not bring deadly weapons into the library unless doing so for professional purposes, such as the carrying of deadly weapons by law enforcement personnel.

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dangerous weapon being of special significance. The unnecessary brandishing of a dangerous weapon, under any circumstances, will be considered just cause for contacting the police.

- Per KRS 527.100, the _____ Public Library prohibits juvenile users (those under the age of 18) from carrying handguns, except in the circumstances prescribed by KRS. 527.100. The police will be contacted in any instance where it is reasonably believed a juvenile possesses a dangerous weapon on library property.

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