Dangerous Weapons on Library Property Policy

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General statement of policy

Bullitt 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.