

## **DANGEROUS WEAPONS ON LIBRARY PROPERTY-DRAFT**

The McLean 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 “deadly weapons”. For the purpose of this policy, however, a “deadly weapon” includes firearms and handguns as defined in the Kentucky Revised Statutes along with any weapon which 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 dangerous weapons in many public facilities.. The Library will not restrict the protections and rights granted under this statute. While the Library requests that patrons and staff members refrain from carrying a dangerous weapon onto library property, the Library will tolerate the possession of such weapons in accordance with the law.

### **Zero Tolerance**

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 law enforcement officials.

### **Juveniles and Firearms**

KRS 527.100 specifically prohibits the carrying of a deadly weapon by a person under the age of eighteen (18). When a staff member suspects that anyone carrying a deadly weapon is under the age of 18, law enforcement will be contacted immediately.