

## **Weapons Policy**

No library patron shall possess any weapon or look-alike weapon within the library with the exception of law enforcement officials. In addition, no patron shall threaten another patron with any weapon or look-alike weapon. A weapon is defined as any object that by its design and/or use can cause bodily injury or property damage.

A patron who is in possession of an illegal weapon shall be reported to law enforcement officials immediately by library staff and will be banned from the library for one year after which the patron may make a formal written appeal to the Board of Trustees to rescind the ban.

The Harrisburg Public Library follows Illinois State Law which prohibits the carrying of any weapon, concealed or partially concealed, in the library building or on library property. In conformance with State Statute, the Library will post at all entrances to the building, driveways, and parking areas of the Library the required signs as approved by the State Police. (ISP confirms a building is in compliance as long as signs are posted at entrances. Additional signs in parking areas are not required.) Any violators will be reported to law enforcement and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law (Added 4/15/2014).

Exceptions to this policy may be made as determined by the board of trustees after a written appeal.

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