

Policy Prohibiting Firearms on Library Property (Concealed Carry)

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Whereas, the Library Trustees have authority under applicable statutes to adopt rules and regulations for the administration and government of the Library; and

WHEREAS, the Library Trustees have authority under applicable statutes over the use of Library buildings and grounds; and

WHEREAS, the Firearm Concealed Carry Act, P.A. 98-0063, 430 ILCS66/1 *et seq.*, permits persons to carry concealed firearms subject to certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Firearm Concealed Carry Act prohibits persons from carrying a firearm “on or into any building, real property, or parking area under the control of a public library” (430 ILCS 66/65 (a) (18)); and

WHEREAS, the Library Trustees concur with the determination of the Illinois Legislature that firearms should be prohibited on public library property.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDAINED that:

Section 1: Subject to Section 4 below, neither firearms nor weapons of any kind are permitted on any Library property at any time by any person.

Section 2: Any person who violates the Ordinance shall have his/her library privileges revoked immediately for a period of not less than one year.

Section 3: Signage shall be posted at the Library consistent with the requirements of the Firearm Concealed Carry Act.

Section 4: A firearm may be transported by a licensee (a person issued a license to carry a firearm 530 ILCS 66/5) into a parking area within a vehicle if the firearm and its ammunition remain locked in a case out of plain view within the parked vehicle. “Case” is defined as a glove compartment or console that completely encases the firearm and its ammunition, the trunk of the vehicle, or a firearm carrying box, shipping box or other container. The firearm may be removed only for the limited purpose of storage or retrieval from within the trunk of the vehicle. A firearm must first be unloaded before removal from the vehicle. Law enforcement officials may possess firearms on library property.

Section 5: This Ordinance is in full force and effect from and after its passage.

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