

Weapons Policy

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The Greenwood Public Library is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy environment conducive to the use and enjoyment of the Library by its patrons and in furtherance of Library's mission to enrich the lives of our community by promoting discovery and fostering personal growth.

Weapons including but not limited to knives, pellet or BB gun, or stun gun are not allowed on Library property.

A chemical spray, such as mace, is permitted as long as such a device is carried only for personal self-defense and is not brandished or displayed in an aggressive or threatening manner.

In accordance with SEA 292, individuals using Library property may carry firearms for which they possess a permit. However, firearms may not be displayed in a threatening manner or brandished at public meetings. Individuals who do not have permits for firearms or cannot produce them may be asked to leave the premises.

Violators of this policy will be asked to leave the premises. Continued or repeated violations may result in suspension of library privileges for a period commensurate with the severity of the offense, the patron's history of policy violations, and any other relevant factors. Patrons engaged in behaviors that pose a serious imminent risk to health or safety may be immediately expelled from the Library without prior warning and with or without the assistance of library security or local law enforcement.

Approved by GPL Board of Trustees

10/13/2020 Date