

Weapons Policy

This policy is applicable to any customer or guest of the Tulsa City-County Library system and all regular full-time, probationary, and part-time/temporary Library employees.

Dangerous weapons, including but not limited to firearms, are a threat to the safety of the customers and employees of the Tulsa City-County Library. In addition, possession of dangerous weapons, or replicas or facsimiles of dangerous weapons, disrupts the normal operation of the Tulsa City-County Library.

Library Buildings and bookmobiles

No person shall carry into a library building, bookmobile, or any other library property, any dangerous weapon, replicas or facsimiles of dangerous weapons. Additionally, use of any item or instrument by a customer or employee while on any library property (including vehicle parking areas) to harm or threaten to harm to any person is prohibited.

A dangerous weapon includes, **BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO**, a pistol, revolver, shotgun or rifle whether loaded or unloaded or any dagger, bowie knife, dirk knife, switchblade knife, spring-type knife, sword cane, knife having a blade which opens automatically by hand pressure applied to a button, spring, or other device in the handle of the knife, blackjack, loaded cane, billy, hand chain, metal knuckles, or any other offensive weapon, whether such weapon be concealed or unconcealed. The use of items not normally considered weapons or dangerous instruments, such as pocket knives or tools, for intimidation or threat of bodily harm shall also be included, as a weapon, in violation of this policy. **THE FOREGOING LIST OF "DANGEROUS WEAPONS" IS DESCRIPTIVE AND BY WAY OF EXAMPLE ONLY AND IS NOT TO BE CONSIDERED AN EXCLUSIVE OR LIMITING LIST OF DANGEROUS WEAPONS.**

Vehicles

Unloaded pistols, shotguns, and rifles may be stored in a locked vehicle parked on Tulsa City-County property either in plain view, in a carrying case which is at least partially visible, in a gun rack mounted in the vehicle, or in an exterior locked compartment or a trunk of a vehicle. Shotguns and rifles may be concealed behind a seat of the vehicle or within the interior of the vehicle as long as it is not clip, magazine or chamber loaded. Any Library customer or employee holding a valid firearm license pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, OKLA. STAT. tit. 21, § 1291.1 *et al.*, must store the firearm in their locked vehicle in accordance with the Act. **This provision does not apply to convicted felons, who are by law prohibited from possessing or transporting any firearm.**

Exempted Persons

This policy does not apply to on-duty peace officers or other persons authorized by law to carry a weapon in the performance of official duties and in compliance with the rules of the employing agency.

Consequences

The following actions, under the discretion of library staff, will be taken against those customers or guests in violation of this policy:

- Immediate request to leave library property;
- Suspension from library property for a designated term;
- Permanent removal from library property;
- Confiscation of weapon; and/or
- Involvement of local police.

The following actions, under the discretion of library staff, will be taken against employees in violation of this policy:

- Immediate request to leave library property;
- Confiscation of weapon;
- Involvement of local police;
- Termination from employment.