

## **Rapides Parish Library Weapons Policy**

The Board of Control of the Rapides Parish Library, in order that the Library may operate and be administered in the best interests of the citizens it serves, publishes and posts this Weapons Policy to Main Library, all branch libraries, the bookmobile and other facilities of the Library.

- A. Carrying a firearm or dangerous weapon, as defined in R.S. 14:2, on Rapides Parish Library property, is not permitted.
- B. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to:
  - a. A federal law enforcement officer or a Louisiana-commissioned state or local Post Certified law enforcement officer who is authorized to carry a firearm.
  - b. Any person having the written permission of the Rapides Parish Library.
  - c. A person who is possessing the firearm or dangerous weapon in accordance with a concealed handgun permit issued pursuant to R.S. 40:1379.1 or 1379.3.
  - d. Any constitutionally protected activity which cannot be regulated by the state, such as a firearm contained entirely within a motor vehicle.
- C. An employee of the Rapides Parish Library is prohibited from carrying a firearm, or dangerous weapon as defined in R.S. 14:2 or what is commonly referred to as a stun gun on Rapides Parish Library property unless the employee has written permission of the Board of Control of the Rapides Parish Library to carry such a device; said permission shall identify with specificity the firearm, dangerous weapon or stun gun that the employee is permitted to carry on the Rapides Parish Library premises.

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