

The Newcomerstown Public Library, in order that the Library may operate and be administered in the best interests of the patrons it serves, publishes and posts the Possession of Weapons Policy to the Newcomerstown Public Library and the Annex Facility of the library.

PS 7.16 Possession of Weapons Policy: *(Not Board Approved)*

Weapons are prohibited in the library and annex facilities as well as on library grounds. A weapon is defined by the following definitions as a firearm, dangerous weapon, stun gun, and/or any other object whose purpose or use is to inflict physical harm to another individual.

Definitions:

Concealed Carry: Carrying a firearm on or about a person in such a manner as to conceal the firearm from the ordinary sight of another person

Concealed Carry License (CCL): A license issued by the state allowing a person to carry a concealed weapon.

Concealed Carry Weapon (CCW): The practice of carrying a concealed weapon.

Dangerous Weapon: A handgun, rifle, knife (blade over 3 inches), and/or any other object whose purpose or use is to inflict physical harm to another individual.

Firearm: A firearm is any weapon which will, or is designed to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive, and/or which will discharge a shot by gunpowder or air burst.

Open Carry: Carrying a firearm on one's person in plain sight.

Stun Gun: A device used to immobilize an attacker without causing serious injury, typically by administering an electric shock.

1. Carrying weapons is prohibited in the library and annex facilities as well as on library grounds (**PS 7.16 Possession of Weapons**).
2. The provision of this Section shall not apply to:
 - a. A Federal, State, or Local Law Enforcement Officer who is actively employed by a Federal, State, or Local Law Enforcement Agency. (*E.g. any officer currently employed with the Newcomerstown Police Department*)
 - Allows law enforcement to Open/Conceal Carry while on duty or to Conceal Carry while off duty in the library and annex facilities as well as on library grounds.
 - b. Any person having written permission (*may be limited to library staff*) by the Newcomerstown Public Library's Board of Trustees, filed with the Local Law Enforcement Agency (*Newcomerstown Police Department*).
 - Allows the trained, CCL individual the right to possess and carry his or her CCW in the library and annex facilities as well as on library grounds. Open Carry is prohibited.
 - c. Any constitutionally protected activity which cannot be regulated by the state, such as a firearm contained entirely within a locked motor vehicle.
3. An employee of the Newcomerstown Public Library is prohibited from carrying firearms, or a dangerous weapon as defined in (**P 2.51 Employee Conduct, PS 7.16 Possession of Weapons**) or what is commonly referred to as a stun gun on Newcomerstown Public Library property unless the employee has written permission by the Newcomerstown Public Library Board of Trustees, filed with the Local Law Enforcement Agency; said permission shall identify with specificity the firearm, dangerous weapon, or stun gun that the employee is permitted to carry on the Newcomerstown Public Library premises.