

## **DANGEROUS WEAPONS POLICY**

### **GENERAL POLICY**

The Beloit Public Library Board is committed to protecting the safety and welfare of library employees and visitors and recognizes its responsibility to lawfully regulate and manage library property. Toward this commitment, the Library Board enacts the following policy in accordance with the Wisconsin Personal Protection Act of 2011.

### **APPLICABILITY**

This policy applies to persons performing work for the Library as well as persons visiting the Library.

### **PROHIBITED CONDUCT & DEFINITIONS**

**DANGEROUS WEAPON RESTRICTED:** Any person other than a law enforcement officer is prohibited from entering or remaining in the Beloit Public Library while carrying a dangerous weapon.

Signs meeting the requirements of state statutes shall be posted in prominent places near entrances to the Library.

“Dangerous weapon” means any firearm, whether loaded or unloaded; any device designed as a weapon and capable of producing death or great bodily harm; any ligature or other instrumentality used on the throat, neck, nose, or mouth of another person to impede, partially or completely, breathing or circulation of blood; any electric weapon, as defined by WI State Statute 941.295 (1c)(a); or any other device or instrumentality which, in the manner it is used or intended to be used, is calculated or likely to produce death or great bodily harm.

“Law enforcement officer” means any person employed by the State of Wisconsin or any political subdivision of this state, for the purpose of detecting and preventing crime and enforcing laws or ordinances and who is authorized to make arrests for violations of the laws or ordinances he or she is employed to enforce.

Violations of this policy will be reported to the local police and the Library Director.