

# **EUREKA PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT**

## **VIOLENCE OR THREAT OF VIOLENCE**

### **PATRON POLICY**

Weapons of any kind are prohibited from the Library. The possession, use, or threat of use of a weapon will result in removal from the Library. Weapons are defined as any item designed to harm a person or animal, including but not limited to firearms, rifles, handguns, BB guns, switchblades, martial arts weapons, and explosives. No open flames, incendiary devices, or explosive devices, including fireworks, are permitted in the Library. Lighters, matches, and candles may not be used in the Library. Patrons who are in possession of any of the foregoing items will be asked to remove the item from the Library and will be provided with a copy of this policy.

If the patron does not comply with the request, the Library staff will call the local police. Items that are commonly used for nonthreatening purposes, such as canes or knitting needles, are permitted. However, patrons who threaten or appear to be threatening to use such items as weapons will be dealt with in the same manner as those carrying dangerous weapons. Violence or threats of violence will not be tolerated. If a patron is violent or makes violent threats, the Library staff will call the local police.

This policy was approved on May 21, 2018 by the Eureka Public Library Board of Trustees.

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