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Library Granted Preliminary Injunction Against Open Carry at CADL Branches

As of Tuesday, March 8, the Capital Area District Library (CADL) has been granted a preliminary injunction by an Ingham County Circuit Court against Members of Michigan Open Carry (MOC) or anyone else openly carrying firearms in any CADL branch library or property. Anyone violating the court order after being informed of the existence of the order may be held in contempt of court.

Anyone carrying a weapon into a CADL library will be asked to leave, and if they fail to comply, local law enforcement will be called to enforce the Court's order. Violators of the injunction will be required to appear before the Court for contempt of court. These individuals are welcome to return to the library without their openly carried firearm(s).

One of CADL's attorneys, Gary Bender, said that CADL's goal is to maintain a safe environment for children and adults who frequent the Capital Area District Library system. "We were very happy that Judge Aquilina after listening to the evidence and arguments of the attorneys agreed to issue the preliminary injunction banning the open carrying of weapons in our libraries. We will take whatever lawful steps necessary to ensure visitor safety at CADL libraries." He also states, "That includes enforcing the terms of the injunction with the contempt powers of the Court for anyone who violates it."

CADL contracts with Joseph A. Young & Associates to provide security services at our Downtown Lansing and South Lansing locations. CADL's relationship with this high quality firm has existed for several years. Director Lance Werner states, "We are extremely grateful for their expertise and willingness to manage conflicts arising from a wide variety of situations. It is very important to me that the safety of our customers and staff comes first."

The Capital Area District Library system serves all of Ingham County with the exception of East Lansing. For more information, visit cadl.org. Please direct all questions to the office of CADL's Director, Lance Werner.