

Basic Firearms Safety Course

Mid Hudson Library System

Goal/Objective:

So often, the general public is inundated with false information regarding firearms. In this course, certified firearms instructors present an informative, objective, basic overview of firearms for anyone interested in learning about different types of firearms, how they work, how ammunition works, rules of safety, gun storage options and where to get more information. Subject material is suitable for people of all ages.

Instructors:

Jackie and Scott Emslie, a husband and wife team experienced in firearms and hunter safety education, team-teach this course. Jackie teaches women's firearms courses throughout New York State and New York City and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association. Scott is one of two Master Hunter Safety Instructors in Dutchess County and is currently an officer with the Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs.

Method of Delivery:

Two hour lecture format (evenings recommended 7-9pm). Posters and handouts from the National Rifle Association and other firearms safety training materials will be distributed. Firearms will be present, unloaded at all times and handled only by the instructors. No live ammunition will be present. Questions will be answered throughout the presentation. Evaluation forms will be used by participants to provide feedback to library staff and instructors.

Responsibilities:

Instructors will donate their time to this endeavor and provide handouts and all instructional material. No expenses are anticipated. The host library would need to handle publicity.

Topics to be Covered:

- ⊕ Introductions and Course Overview
- ⊕ Parts of Handguns, Rifles and Shotguns
- ⊕ Ammunition for each type of firearm
- ⊕ Hearing/Eye/Breathing Protection
- ⊕ Safe Storage
- ⊕ Why People Own Firearms
- ⊕ Rules of Firearm Safety
- ⊕ Fundamentals of Shooting
- ⊕ Care and Cleaning
- ⊕ Guns and Kids
- ⊕ Where to get more information