

Sex Offender Policy

In accordance with Section 692A.113 of the Code of Iowa, the Board of Trustees prohibits the presence of sex offenders convicted of sex offenses against minors upon or within 300 feet of library property without written permission of the Library Director.

The Library Director may only give written permission as the result of a vote at a closed session meeting of the Board of Trustees at which a quorum is present. Temporary permission may be given at the Library Director's discretion until the Board of Trustees has been given opportunity to approve or reject an application, after which the Director is bound to the decision of the Library Board. The Library Director will present the completed application to the Harlan Community Library Board of Trustees at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting. The Board may request additional information from the Library Director or the applicant.

In making its decision, the Board will consider the type of offense, the applicant's likelihood of re-offending based on information placed on the Sex Offender Registry, information from the offender's parole or probation officer, if applicable, and the applicant's intended use of Library materials and services.

Should the applicant receive permission from the Board to be present on Library premises and use its services, the applicant will receive a specific listing of services available to him/her. Individuals using services not authorized by the Board shall be removed from the premises, and permission to use the Library and its services shall be rescinded. No Internet access will be granted to individuals convicted of possessing child pornography.

Policy approved by the Library Board of Trustees on July 20, 2009.