



Sex Offender Policy

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PURPOSE:

The Library has adopted this policy to ensure compliance with the provisions of Chapter 692A regarding restrictions on public library access.

SCOPE:

This policy applies only to a person convicted of a sex offense against a minor as defined in Iowa Code Section 692A.101(28). All others are allowed access to the Library under the same terms and conditions as the general public.

POLICY:

Under Iowa Code Section 692A.113(1)(f), a person who has been convicted of a sex offense against a minor may not be present on Library Grounds. In addition, a person who has been convicted of a sex offense against a minor may not “loiter”, as defined in Iowa Code Section 692A.101(17), on or within 300 feet of the Library Grounds. Any person found to be violating these provisions will be reported to law enforcement.

The Library Director acts as “library administrator” for purposes of Iowa Chapter 692A. The Library Director may give the written permission required by Iowa Code Section 692A.113(f) for sex offenders convicted of sex offenses against minors to be present on library property. Such permission may be granted after consultation with law enforcement and/or other appropriate governmental officials. The Director will give strong deference to the recommendations of law enforcement personnel. Individuals may appeal this decision, as it relates to them, to the Library Board of Trustees.

People barred from library property under the law will not be served by the library’s homebound delivery service. In addition, the law prohibits a sex offender who has been convicted of a sex offense against a minor from being employed by or from acting as a contractor or volunteer at any public library.

Persons barred from library property under the law may remain eligible for library service. It is the responsibility of the library user to arrange for a courier to select, checkout, and

return materials to the library through possession of the library user's card. Under any of these circumstances, the sex offender convicted of a sex offense against a minor will remain responsible for all activity on their library card. The library user may access information and resources via the telephone, email, or the library's website.