

SEX OFFENDER POLICY

In accordance with Chapter 692A of Subtitle 1 of Title 16 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 obligation to seek and receive permission to use the library or to be on library property rests with the sex offender.

Persons barred from library property under the law remain entitled to library service. If the barred individual does not have a library card, they may request an application via phone, mail, or email to be filled out and returned via mail, through his or her courier, or through the online application process. It is the responsibility of the barred individual to arrange for a courier to select, check out, and return materials to the library through possession of the patron's card. Persons excluded from library property under this law will not be served by the library's homebound delivery service.

The issuance of a library card to an individual who has been convicted of a sex offense involving a minor does not grant that individual permission to enter the library or to be present on library property. Requests by a person convicted of a sex offense against a minor to visit the library must be made in writing to the attention of the Library Director through mail or email. Whether or not permission is granted for library access is at the discretion of the Library Director. The Library Director will inform the President of the Library Board of Trustees whenever an application is made by a sex offender to use the library facility.

The decision by the Director may be appealed to the Library Board of Trustees. Written notice will be included in the response from the Library Director, notifying the individual of their right to request an appeal if it is an adverse decision. The appeal must be received by the Library Board within 14 days of receiving the Director's decision.

Violations of this policy will be immediately reported to law enforcement and violators will lose all library privileges.