

Registered Sex Offenders against Minors

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- The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the Library is in compliance with Iowa State law that excludes sex offenders (defined as a person who is required to be registered in the Iowa Sex Offender Registry) convicted of sex offenses against minors from public libraries. This policy adopts the definitions of Iowa Code Chapter 692A, as amended
- 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. Permission may be granted only for a single, specific visit. Individuals may appeal this decision, as it relates to them, to the Library Board of Trustees.
- Sex offenders convicted of sex offenses against minors may be eligible for some library service.
 - They may register for a card directly via telephone or by designee.
 - They may access information resources via telephone or online.
 - They may make arrangements for a person of their choosing to select, check out, and return materials using that card.
 - Under any of these circumstances, the sex offender convicted of sex offenses against minors will remain responsible for all activity on their card.
 - The issuance of a library card to individuals who have been convicted of a sex offense involving a minor does not grant those individuals permission to enter the library or to be present on library property.
- Persons barred from library property under the law will not be served by the library’s homebound delivery service.
- Registered sex offenders convicted of sex offenses against minors may not loiter, as defined under Iowa Code Section 692A.113(g), as amended, within three hundred (300) feet of library property.
- Violations of this policy will be immediately reported to law enforcement.