



Policy Regarding Library Access For Registered Sex Offenders Convicted Of Offenses Against A Minor

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the Sioux Center Public Library is in compliance with the provisions of Iowa Code Chapter 692A which mandates that certain registered sex offenders who have been convicted of sex offenses against a minor must be excluded from public libraries. This policy adopts the definitions of Iowa Code Chapter 692A, as amended.

- In accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 692A, the Board of Trustees prohibits those convicted of a sex offense against a minor from being on library property without the written permission of the Library Director. The Library Director may only give such written permission as the result of a vote at a meeting of the Board of Trustees at which a quorum is present. The Board of Trustees also prohibits those convicted of sex offenses against a minor from loitering within 300 feet of the library property.
- The issuance of a library card to a registered sex offender convicted of a sex offense against a minor does not constitute written permission from the Library Director for that offender to be present on library property.
- 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, check out, 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 or using the library's website. 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 a minor may not loiter as defined in Iowa Code Section 692A.101(17) within 300 feet of library property. Staff can view the list of offenders on <https://www.iowasexoffender.gov/>
- Violations of this policy will be immediately reported to law enforcement.
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