

Central City Public Library

Registered Sex Offenders Policy

Iowa Code Chapter 692A.113 provides that sex offenders convicted of offenses against minor victims are excluded from any location within 300 feet of a public library without written consent of the library administrator. Sex offenders convicted of a sex offense against a minor victim shall not be present in the public library or on real property of the public library. The sex offender may make arrangements for a person of their choosing to select, check out and return materials using the sex offender's library card, provided prior arrangements have been made with the library director. Under all circumstances, the sex offender convicted of sex offenses against a minor will remain responsible for all activity on their card.

Registered sex offenders convicted of sex offenses against minors may not loiter as defined under Chapter 692A of the Iowa Code within 300 feet of the library property.

The library director will not give written permission for a registered sex offender convicted of sex offenses against a minor to be in the library or on library property without approval by a majority vote of the library board of trustees at a regular or special meeting of the library board at which a quorum is present.

Registered sex offenders convicted of sex offenses against minors may be eligible for some library services. The issuance of a library card or the possession of a library card is not permission to enter the library and may not be used by a registered sex offender convicted of a sex offense against a minor to enter the library. Registered sex offenders may receive information from the library via telephone or on-line. If a registered sex offender wishes to apply for a library card, the individual may register for a card directly with the director or the director's designee via telephone or on-line and make arrangements for a person of their choosing, who is not a registered sex offender, to select, check out and return materials using that card. The card may be used to access the library's on-line materials or databases. Violators of this policy will be subject to the loss of all library privileges. In addition, violations of this policy may be reported to law enforcement and subject the violator to prosecution.

Sex offenders convicted of a sex offense against a minor shall not be employed by or be allowed to volunteer for the public library. Background checks will be performed, using the National Sex Offender Registry, on all employees, potential employees and volunteers who are or will be working within the library or on library property.

Violations of this policy regarding a sex offender's presence on library property or loitering will be immediately reported to law enforcement. Violators of this policy will be subject to prosecution.

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