

# Sex Offender Policy

## Frances Banta Waggoner Community Library

In accordance with Chapter 692.113 (1.f) of the Code of Iowa, the Board of Trustees prohibits the presence of sex offenders (defined as a person who is required to be registered in the Iowa Sex Offender Registry and who has been convicted of a sex offense against a minor) upon or within 300 feet of the library property.

Definition of "Loiter": means remaining in a place or circulating around a place under circumstances that would warrant a reasonable person to believe that the purpose or effect of the behavior is to enable a sex offender to become familiar with a location where a potential victim may be found, or to satisfy an unlawful sexual desire, or to locate, lure or harass a potential victim. Suspicious person or persons who appear to be "loitering" will be reported to the police to be checked out and investigated.

### **Library privileges:**

The Library Director may only give written permission to registered sex offenders to come onto the real property of the library or to loiter within 300 feet of the library, as the result of a majority vote decision at a meeting of the Board of Trustees with a quorum present.

Sex offenders barred from the library property under the law remain entitled to library service. It is the responsibility of the sex offender to arrange for a person of their choosing to select, check out, and return materials to the library through possession of a library card. They may register for a card directly with the Director or staff, via telephone, and make arrangements for a person of their choosing to pick up the card. They may use that card to access the library's online materials or databases, as well as receive information via telephone. The issuance of a library card at any time is NOT permission to enter the library.

Sex offenders barred from the library property under the law will not be served by the library's homebound delivery service.

Violations of this policy will be immediately reported to law enforcement.

### **Attendance at Open Public Meetings:**

Sex offenders wishing to attend meetings open to the public must apply for permission by contacting the Library Director in writing or by email to request permission. The Library Director can only give written permission as a result of a majority vote decision at a meeting of the Board of Trustees with a quorum present.

### **Reinstatement:**

Privileges may be restored to any offender whose name has been removed from the Sex Offender Registry upon written proof of said removal.

Proof may include presentation of the written notice of removal. Removal must be verified by a search of the Sex Offender Registry completed by authorized library personnel. Library personnel will have up to 24 hours to verify said removal from the registry. Upon verification all rights will be reinstated.

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

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