

Ely Public Library  
Sex Offender Policy

Library Access for Registered Sex Offenders (against a minor)

See also related policy Conduct in the Library (809), Iowa Code (692A)

1. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the Library is in compliance with Iowa State law that excludes registered sex offenders convicted of sex offenses against minors, or those who qualify to be registered sex offenders, from public libraries. This policy adopts the definitions of Iowa Code Chapter 692A, as amended.
2. The Library Director acts as “library administrator” for purposes of Iowa Chapter 692A. The Library Director will not give the written permission required by Iowa Code Section 692A.113(f) for registered sex offenders convicted of sex offenses against minors to be present on library property. Issuance of a library card to a registered sex offender convicted of sex offenses against minors does not constitute written permission from the library administrator for that offender to be present on library property. Individuals may appeal this decision, as it relates to them, to the Library Board of Trustees.
3. Registered sex offenders convicted of sex offenses against minors may be eligible for library services, depending on their residence address. They may register for a card directly via telephone, or designee, and 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 the activity on their card. They may access information resources via telephone or online.
4. Registered sex offenders convicted of sex offenses against minors may not loiter, as defined under Iowa Code Section 692A.101(17), as amended, within three hundred (300) feet of library property.
5. Violations of this policy will be immediately reported to law enforcement, and violators will lose all library privileges.

Amended from the Iowa City Public Library’s Sex Offender Policy

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