Theft, Defacement or Alteration of Library Materials and Resources

811.1 The purpose of this policy is to protect Library property and to describe actions the Library may take against those accused of theft or defacement of Library materials, computer files, equipment or facilities. Library Policy 801, “Circulation and Library Cards” governs issues related to Library materials checked out and damaged or not returned.

811.2 Intentionally removing Library property or removing Library materials without checking them out is prohibited and may result in loss of Library privileges and may also require making restitution.

811.3 Intentionally mutilating, altering or damaging Library facilities, materials, computers, computer files, or other property may result in loss of Library privileges and may also require making restitution.

811.4 The Library may seek prosecution of those alleged to have intentionally removed, mutilated, or willfully damaged library property to the extent provided by law.

See also:

Related Library policies on Circulation, Fines and Fees (801.2) and Overdue Materials (801.3), Meeting Room and Lobby Use (806), Library Use (809) and Internet Use Policy (815).

Pertinent sections of the Iowa and Iowa City codes including, but not limited to: Theft, Library Materials and Equipment (§714.5 Code of Iowa), Parental Responsibility for Actions of Children (§613.16 Code of Iowa), Damage and Trespass to Property (§716, Code of Iowa), Detention and Search in Theft of Library Materials and Shoplifting (§808.12 Code of Iowa); Damaging, Defacing Property (8-5-4 Code of Iowa City).

Different aspects of crime related to computers are found in Code of Iowa §622.51A, §702.1A, §714.1, and §716.6B.

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