

## **816 Library Access for Sex Offenders Convicted Of Sex Offenses Against Minors**

See also related policy Library Use (809), Iowa Code (692A)

- 816.1 The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the Library is in compliance with Iowa State law that excludes sex offenders (defined as a person who is required to be registered in the Iowa Sex Offender Registry) convicted of sex offenses against minors from public libraries. This policy adopts the definitions of Iowa Code Chapter 692A, as amended.
- 816.2 The Library Director acts as “library administrator” for purposes of Iowa Chapter 692A. The Library Director may give the written permission required by Iowa Code Section 692A.113(f) for sex offenders convicted of sex offenses against minors to be present on library property, including the Bookmobile. Such permission may be granted after consultation with law enforcement and/or other appropriate governmental officials. The Director will give strong deference to the recommendations of law enforcement personnel. Permission may be granted only for a single, specific visit. Issuance of a library card to a 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, or on the Bookmobile. Individuals may appeal this decision, as it relates to them, to the Library Board of Trustees.
- 816.3 Sex offenders convicted of sex offenses against minors may be eligible for library service, depending on their residence address. They may register for a card directly via telephone or online with the Community and Access Services Coordinator, or by designee, making arrangements for a person of their choosing to select, check out, and return materials using that card. Under any of these circumstances, a sex offender convicted of sex offenses against minors will remain responsible for all activity on their card. They may access information resources via telephone or online. If eligible they may participate in the At Home program.
- 816.4 Sex offenders convicted of sex offenses against minors may not loiter, as defined under Iowa Code Section 692A.113(g), as amended, within three hundred (300) feet of library property, including the Bookmobile.
- 816.5 Violations of this policy will be immediately reported to law enforcement, and violators will lose all library privileges.

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