



Glenwood Public Library Policy

Sex Offender Policy

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Approved by Glenwood Public Library Board of Trustees

Library Director Signature

Staff Signatures

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Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 692A of the Iowa Code, which prohibits a sex offender (defined as a person who is required to be registered in the Iowa Sex Offender Registry) who has been convicted of a sex offense against a minor from being present upon the real property of a public library without the written permission of the library administrator, nor to loiter within three hundred feet of the real property boundary of a public library.

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. 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. Individuals may appeal this decision, as it relates to them, to the Library Board of Trustees.

Offenders shall be able to access library materials through the use of a third person. It shall be the responsibility of the third person to select, check out, and timely return the materials to the library and through his or her own library card.

The library administrator may provide the offender with a library membership for use of online resources only without also allowing the offender to come on the real property or within 300 feet of the library.

This policy was originally written by the city attorney in 2009. No changes when the policy was reviewed in 2013. Reviewed by City Attorney Matt Woods in 2017 and reapproved by the Library Board. In 2020, changes were made to bring policy in alignment with best practices.