

Hiawatha Public Library

Library Access for Registered Sex Offenders

See also related policy, Disruptive Behavior

It is the purpose of this policy to ensure that the Library is in compliance with Iowa State law (692A.113) that excludes registered sex offenders convicted of sex offenses against minors from public libraries. A copy of that law is attached to this Policy for reference.

The Library Director will not give written permission for registered sex offenders convicted of sex offenses against minors to be in the library or on library property. Anyone aggrieved by this decision may appeal it to the Library Board of Trustees.

Registered 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 with the Library Director or designee by telephone or email. At the time of registration, the applicant must make arrangements for a person of their choosing to select, check out, and return materials using that card. That individual's name must be registered with the library and s/he shall provide identification when using the restricted patron's card. The patron may also receive information via telephone or email reference services or by use of the library's website and online databases from home.

Violation of this policy will be immediately reported to law enforcement and violators will lose all library privileges.

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