

Oskaloosa Public Library
Policy:

Sex Offenders Policy

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In accordance with Chapter 692A.113(1.f) of the Code of Iowa, the Board of Trustees prohibits the presence of sex offenders convicted of offenses against minors upon or within 300 feet of library property without written permission of the Library Director.

Library privileges:

The Library Director may only give written permission to registered sex offenders to come onto the real property of the library or to loiter within 300 feet of library, as the result of a majority vote decision at a meeting of the Board of Trustees with a quorum present.

Persons barred from library property under the law remain entitled to library services. It is the responsibility of the patron to arrange for a courier to select, check out, and return materials to the library through possession of the patron's card. Persons barred from library property under the law will not be served by the library's homebound delivery service.

Violations of this policy will be immediately reported to law enforcement.

Attendance at Open Public Meetings:

Offenders wishing to apply for written permission must contact the Library Director by telephone or email to request permission to attend an open public meeting. Whether or not permission is granted is at the discretion of the Library Director. The Director's decision can be appealed to the Library Board of Trustees. Written notice requesting an appeal must be sent to the Library Board within seven days of receiving the Director's decision. If no appeal is made within this time frame, the individual waives any further rights to appeal to the Library Board of Trustees.

Library as a polling location:

State law provides for an exemption for the purpose of voting. Persons prohibited from being on library property will be allowed on library property solely for the period of time reasonably necessary to exercise the right to vote in a public election if the library is their designated polling location.

Reinstatement:

Privileges may be restored to any offender whose name has been removed from the Sex Offender Registry upon written proof of said removal.

Proof may include presentation of a copy of the written notice of removal. Removal

must be verified by a search of the Sex Offender Registry completed by authorized library personnel. Library personnel will have up to 24 hours to verify said removal from the registry. Upon verification all rights will be reinstated.