



Sex Offender Policy

Purpose

This policy ensures Fairfield Public Library follows Iowa Code Chapter 692A, which prohibits individuals on the Iowa Sex Offender Registry due to convictions involving minors from being present on library property. It also explains how these individuals can still use library services remotely.

I. Legal Requirements

Fairfield Public Library follows Iowa Code 692A, including restrictions for people convicted of sex offenses against minors. Under Iowa Code § 692A.113(1)(f), these individuals may not be on library property without written permission from the Library Director.

II. Director Authority

The Library Director is the designated authority for compliance. The Director will not give written permission for restricted individuals to enter the library or attend events. Issuance of a library card does not constitute written permission to visit the library. Anyone affected can appeal to the Library Board of Trustees.

III. Remote Services

Even if not allowed in the building, affected individuals can still use many library services:

- Request a library card by phone, email, or online.
- Have a designated third party pick up and return materials.
- Use digital books, databases, and reference help online or by phone.
- If they live in Fairfield and qualify, request home delivery through the Books By Mail program.

Cardholders are responsible for all activity on their account.

IV. Distance Requirement

As stated in Iowa Code § 692A.113(1)(g), these individuals may not loiter within 300 feet of the library, including outdoor areas, mobile services, or pop-up events.

V. Employment and Volunteer Restrictions

People convicted of sex offenses against minors cannot work, volunteer, or contract with the library unless allowed under Iowa law and city hiring policies.

VI. Enforcement

Breaking this policy—including entering the library without permission—will be reported to law enforcement. All library privileges will be revoked.

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