

# **Chariton Public Library**

## **Sex Offender Policy**

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The purpose of this policy is to implement Iowa law that excludes registered sex offenders convicted of sex offenses against minors (herein referred to as sex offenders) from being present upon the real property of a public library without the written permission of the library administrator. This policy adopts the definitions of Iowa Code Chapter 692A.

The Library Director acts as “library administrator” for purposes of Iowa Chapter 692A. Consideration for permission to be present upon library property to access library services requires a letter of request be submitted to the Library Director.

Written permission may be granted allowing sex offenders to be present on library property strictly to attend a public meeting or other event on a given date and at a specific time. Consideration requires a letter of request be submitted to the Library Director.

Sex offenders are eligible for library service. They may register for a card directly via telephone, mail or email with the Library Director. They may access information resources via telephone or online. They may send to the Library a person of their choosing to select, check-out, and return materials using that card. The sex offender will remain responsible for all activity on their card.

Issuance of a library card to a sex offender does not constitute written permission from the library administrator for that individual to be present on library property.

Permission for sex offenders to be present on library property may be rescinded upon the discretion of the library administrator if:

- inappropriate activities occur while present on library property, including but not restricted to:
  - the viewing of pornographic content
  - verbal or physical interaction with a minor
- restrictions set forth in the written permission document are not adhered to
- reports are received from law enforcement of illegal conduct while NOT on library property, particularly if other library patrons are involved, whether or not they are minors

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

Individuals may appeal the decision of the Library Director, as it relates to them, to the Library Board of Trustees which meets the first Thursday of each month at 5:00 pm in the Library Boardroom. An appeal form is available upon request at the circulation desk to a person designated by the sex offender, or by mail.