

## **Greenfield Public Library**

### **Registered Sex Offenders Against Minors Policy and Procedure**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the Library is in compliance with Iowa State law. Iowa Code Chapter 692A.113 prohibits a registered sex offender who has been convicted of a sex offense against a minor from being present upon public library real property without the written permission of the library director or from loitering within 300 feet of the boundary of the real property of a public library.

- The Library Director acts as "Library administrator" for purposes of Iowa Chapter 692A.
- A "sex offender" is someone who is required under Chapter 692A to be on the Sex Offender Registry.
- "Sex offense against a minor" means an offense for which a conviction has been entered for a sex offense classified as a tier I, tier II, or tier III offense under Chapter 692 if such offense was committed against a minor, or otherwise involves a minor.
- "Loiter" means remaining in a place or circulating around a place under circumstances where a reasonable person would believe that the purpose or effect of the behavior is to enable a sex offender against a minor to become familiar with a location where a potential victim may be found, or to satisfy an unlawful sexual desire, or to locate, lure, or harass a potential victim.

To request in-person usage of the Greenfield Public Library, the offender is required to ask in writing (via email or mail) to use the library. The library director will respond with a decision within 14 days of submission in the same method as the request (either mail or email). This decision is at the discretion of the library director -- as the Iowa Code provides an exception to this prohibition if the library director provides written permission. If the request is denied, an appeal can be made to the Greenfield Public Library Board.

Persons barred from library property under the law may remain eligible for library service. The library user may access information and resources via the telephone, email, or the library's website. Library cards can be applied for on the library's website or by phone. It is the responsibility of the library user to arrange for a proxy to select, check out, and return materials to the library through possession of the library user's card. Under any of these circumstances, the registered sex offender convicted of a sex offense against a minor will remain responsible for all activity on their library card.

If any term or definition conflicts with Iowa statutes the latter takes precedent.

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