

ROLFE PUBLIC LIBRARY SEX OFFENDER POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the Rolfe Public Library is in compliance with Chapter 692A of Subtitle 1 of Title 16 of the Code of Iowa that excludes registered sex offenders convicted of sex offenses against minors from public libraries. Sex offenders convicted of a sex offense against a minor shall not be present upon the real property of the public library and shall not loiter within three hundred (300) feet of the real property boundary of the public library without written permission of the Library Director.

The Library Director may only give written permission as the result of a vote at a meeting of the Board of Trustees at which a quorum is present.

Persons barred from library property under the law remain entitled to library service. It is the responsibility of the library user to arrange for a courier to select, check out, and return materials to the library through possession of the library user's card. Persons barred from library property under the law will not be served by the library's homebound delivery service. The issuance of a library card to individuals who have been convicted of a sex offense involving a minor does not grant those individuals permission to enter the library or to be present on library property. An individual convicted of a sex offense against a minor must follow proper library procedures and policies to request and obtain written permission to be on library property, regardless of whether or not they possess a valid library card.

Persons barred from the library property may receive information via telephone or online. They may also use their library card to access the library's online materials and databases.

Background checks will be performed using the National Sex Offender Registry on all employees, potential employees, and volunteers, including library board members or potential library board members, who are or will be working on library property.

Any person convicted of a sex offense who violates this policy will be asked to leave the property immediately and reported to law enforcement.