

## **XII(1). SEX OFFENDERS AGAINST MINORS**

- a. In accordance with Chapter 692A of Subtitle 1 of Title 16 of the Code of Iowa, the Board of Trustees prohibits a sex offender (defined as a person who is required to be registered in the Iowa Sex Offender Registry) who has been convicted of a sex offense against a minor from being present upon the real property of Wellman-Scofield Public Library without the written permission of the Library Director, nor to loiter within (300) three hundred feet of the real property boundary of said public library.
- b. Suspicious persons or persons who appear to be “loitering” will be reported to the police to be checked out and investigated.
- c. 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.
- d. Patrons qualifying as Sex Offenders must complete an application and submit a copy of their annual risk assessment documents issued by the Iowa Department of Corrections for review by the Board of Trustees. Patron access decision shall be partially based upon a Sex Offender’s rating, but these documents shall not, in and of themselves, assure library access. 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. Individuals 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.
- e. 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.
- f. Persons barred from library property under the law will not be served by the library’s homebound delivery service.
- g. Legal status will be verified utilizing both the National and Iowa Sex Offender Registries on all patrons, employees, potential employees, and volunteers who are or will be on library property.
- h. Violations of this policy will be immediately reported to law enforcement.