

Garrison Public Library

Registered Sex Offender Policy

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the Garrison Public Library is in compliance with Iowa Code Chapter 692A that excludes registered sex offenders convicted of 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 a public library and they shall not loiter within three hundred (300) feet of the real property boundary of a public library.

- The Library Director acts as “library administrator” for purposes of Iowa Chapter 692A. The Code provides an exception to this prohibition if the library administrator provides written permission.
- The Library Director will **not** give written permission for registered sex offenders convicted of sex offenses against minors to be in the library. Individuals may appeal this decision, in writing, as it relates to them, to the Library Board of Trustees.
- Registered sex offenders convicted of sex offenses against minors may be entitled to some library services. It is the responsibility of the individual to make arrangements for a person of their choosing to select, check out, and return materials using that card. They may use that card to access the Library’s online materials or databases. The issuance of a library card at any time is NOT permission to enter the library.
- Violations of this policy will be immediately reported to law enforcement, and violators will lose all library privileges. Violators will be subject to prosecution for violation of the Iowa Code.