

Carter Lake Public Library

Sex Offender Policy

Subject: Sex Offender Policy

Effective: June 2023

Purpose:

The Iowa Legislature passed, and the Governor signed, Senate File 340, which went into effect on July 1, 2009. Senate File 340 is a complete overhaul of Chapter 692A of the Code of Iowa, dealing with the registration of persons convicted of crimes designated as sex offenses. Senate File 340 includes new restrictions related to the use of public libraries on persons convicted of crimes designated as **sex offenses against minors**. The Carter Lake Public Library has adopted this policy to ensure compliance with the new provisions of Chapter 692A regarding restrictions on public library access. For more information on Senate File 340 and the Iowa Sex Offender Registry, please visit www.iowasexoffender.com.

This policy applies only to a person convicted of a **sex offense against a minor** as defined in Iowa Code Section 692A.101(28). All others are allowed access to the Carter Lake Public Library under the same terms and conditions as the general public.

Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 692A.113(1)(f), a person who has been convicted of a **sex offense against a minor** may not be present on Library Grounds without the written permission of the Board. In addition, a person who has been convicted of a **sex offense against a minor** may not “loiter”, as defined in Iowa Code Section 692A.101(17), on or within 300 feet of the Library Grounds. Any person found to be violating these provisions will be immediately reported to law enforcement.

Persons barred from library property under the law may remain eligible for 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. Under any of these circumstances, the sex offender convicted of a **sex offense against a minor** will remain responsible for all activity on their library card. The library user may access information and resources via the telephone, email, or the library’s website. Persons barred from library property under the law will not be served by the library’s homebound delivery service.

To ensure that Library staff is aware of patrons who have been convicted of a **sex offense against a minor** the library has created a book of registered sex offenders against minors that live within 2.5 miles of the library and is organized by proximity. Library staff will review and update this book periodically.

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