



Rapides Parish Library
Alexandria, Louisiana

SEX OFFENDER POLICY

In accordance with its by-laws, the Board of Control of the Rapides Parish Library has adopted on this 16th day of October 2012 the following policy for the purpose of compliance with the statutory mandates set forth in La. R.S. 14:91-2.

- I. Effective January 1, 2013, persons who have been convicted of sex offenses where the victim was under the age of thirteen (referred to as “sex offenders” for the purposes of this policy) are restricted in their access to public library property, as follows:
 - A. Branches – Given that some parish library branches are arranged in a single room without the possibility of segregating children and their activities effectively from the entire space, no sexual offender shall be physically present in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch Library, the Johnson Branch Library, the McDonald Memorial Branch Library, the Hineston Branch Library, the Boyce Branch Library, the Robertson Branch Library, or the Gunter Branch Library.
 - B. Martin Branch – Given that the Martin Branch is located within 1,000 feet of a public school, no sexual offender shall be physically present at that branch.
 - C. Children’s area – No sexual offender shall be physically present in the children or teen areas of the Westside Regional Library or the Main Library.
 - D. Loitering within 1000 feet – No sex offender shall loiter within 1000 feet of any branch where their presence is prohibited.
 - E. Employment – No sex offender shall apply for work in, work for, or otherwise provide services within the library as an employee, contractor, sub-contractor, or volunteer.
- II. Exceptions to these restrictions are:
 - A. Police station/courthouse/polling station – There shall be no violation of this policy if the sex offender is reporting to a police station, courthouse, or polling station that is in the restricted area.
 - B. With special permission – There shall be no violation of this regulation if the sex offender has requested and has been granted written permission to be physically present in a restricted branch or area within a library from the Library Director or his designee, and the sex offender complies with any special restrictions contained within the permission.
 - C. The Library Director shall be responsible for developing and implementing administrative and management procedures in furtherance of the policies stated herein.

Authority Note: Act 693 of the 2012 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature amended and re-enacted R.S. 14:91-2. The effective date of the Act is January 1, 2013.