

CARVER COUNTY LIBRARY  
BOARD POLICY

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UNATTENDED VULNERABLE  
CHILDREN AND ADULTS

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The Library welcomes and encourages people of all ages to use library facilities, resources, and services.

Parents, guardians, and/or caregivers are responsible for the safety, comfort, and behavior of their children while in the library. A child should come to the library with a responsible person.

Library staff will take actions as outlined below in these or similar situations:

- A child is engaged in behavior that is disruptive to other library users or to the normal operations of library business.
- A child is involved in a situation that is potentially harmful to the health or safety of him/herself and/or others.
- A child is frightened or crying in the library.
- A child is left alone at the library at closing time.

Library staff members will evaluate the situation and try to contact a parent, guardian, and/or caregiver in the situations listed above.

If a parent or responsible caregiver cannot be located or is unresponsive, staff will contact other local agencies, including local law enforcement agencies, as needed.

Similar actions will be taken in the event that a vulnerable adult is left without assistance or supervision. A vulnerable adult is any person 18 years of age or older who is unlikely or unable to report abuse or neglect because of impairment of mental or physical function or emotional dependence.