



Onondaga County Public Library Board Policy

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Unattended Child and Vulnerable Individual Policy

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Onondaga County Public Library Unattended Child and Vulnerable Individual Policy

Onondaga County Public Library welcomes children of all ages. However, the Library cannot provide supervision of unattended children.

Unattended children are children of any age who are not in the immediate care of a parent, guardian, and/or responsible caregiver. Children who are unable or unwilling to care for themselves may not be left alone in the Library and must have adequate supervision while in the Library.

Children are responsible for following the guidelines established in the Standards of Behavior. The Library is not responsible for monitoring children's access to Library materials or use of computer equipment and software.

The library will call 911 for unattended children of any age who are in an emergency situation. The Library is not responsible for children leaving the library's premises, and staff members will never drive or accompany a child home.

VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS

Vulnerable individuals are people who may have a physical or mental disability that makes it difficult for them to protect themselves or understand and follow library rules. If someone cannot take care of themselves, they must be supervised while in the Library.

If a vulnerable person is with a caregiver, the caregiver is responsible for them and must stay with them at all times. Caregivers must also make sure the person they are supervising follows the Standards of Behavior