



Naples Library

Vulnerable Adult Policy

The Naples Library strives to provide a warm, welcoming and safe environment for all community members. The Library is particularly concerned for the safety of vulnerable adults* in and around the Library. A parent/guardian or caregiver 18 years of age or older must be responsible for monitoring the activities and managing the behavior of vulnerable adults during their Library visits. Staff cannot be expected to monitor or prevent vulnerable adults from leaving the building/grounds or to assume responsibility for monitoring their behavior.

The Library will adhere to the following guidelines concerning the care and behavior of vulnerable adults:

- Vulnerable adults must be attended and have adequate supervision at all times.
- If a vulnerable adult is at the library without a responsible adult, every reasonable effort will be made by the staff to assist the vulnerable adult in contacting the appropriate adult. If no responsible adult is reached, or the responsible adult can not get to the library within 30 minutes, staff may notify the police.

*A vulnerable adult is an individual over the age of 18 who is mentally or physically challenged to a degree that significantly impairs the individual's ability to provide adequately for his/her own care or manage his/her own behavior without assistance.

This policy may be amended by the Library Board of Trustees at any time.

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