

Children and Vulnerable Adults in the Library Policy

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South Carolina law defines a vulnerable adult as someone 18 or older who cannot adequately care for or protect themselves due to a physical or mental condition.

A caregiver must be a responsible person 18 or older.

Children in the Library

- Children 12 and older may be in the library without a caregiver.
- Children 11 and younger must be with a caregiver at all times.

Children Attending Library Programs

- Children 5 and under must stay with their caregiver during the entire program.
- Children 6 and older may attend a program on their own, but the caregiver must remain in the building.

Vulnerable Minors and Adults

- Vulnerable minors and adults must be accompanied by a caregiver at all times.

Safety Notice

- Unaccompanied children or vulnerable adults will be reported to the appropriate authorities.