**Amityville Public Library**

**Unattended Vulnerable Adult Policy**

The Amityville Public Library strives to provide a warm, welcoming and safe environment for all community members. The library is particularly concerned with the safety of vulnerable adults in and around the library. 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*.*

A parent/guardian or caregiver who is 18 years of age or older must be responsible for monitoring the activities and managing the behavior of vulnerable adults during their library visits.

Library staff cannot be expected to monitor or prevent vulnerable adults from leaving the library building/grounds or to assume responsibility for monitoring their behavior.

The Amityville Public Library adheres to the following guidelines concerning the care and behavior of vulnerable adults:

 Vulnerable adults who can understand and follow the rules of conduct and who can care

 for themselves are welcomed to visit the library unattended. Vulnerable adults will be

 expected to follow the rules of conduct as outlined in the library’s Maintenance of Public

 Order Policy. They should have contact information for a parent/guardian or caregiver

 who can assist them in an emergency.

 Vulnerable adults who are unable or unwilling to care for themselves must be attended

 and have adequate supervision at all times.

 Staff will attempt to contact a parent/guardian or caregiver when a vulnerable adult’s:

 health or safety is in doubt

 behavior disturbs other library users

 actions violate any of the library’s Maintenance of Public Order Policy

 parent/guardian or caregiver is not present at closing time.

Every reasonable effort will be made by the staff to assist the vulnerable adult in contacting the appropriate responsible adult. If no responsible adult is reached or the vulnerable adult is not picked up within 15 minutes of the library closing, staff may notify the Amityville Police and/or an appropriate Suffolk County agency.

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