

## Harvin Clarendon County Library Safe Child Policy

The Library and Library Staff hopes the children who use the library facilities will perceive them as inviting and fun. However, the safety of children left alone is a serious concern. Libraries are public places and the best way for parents and caregivers to ensure their child's safety is to be with them at all times.

- A child under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult age 18 and over who remains in the library.
- A parent/caregiver must remain in conversational distance of his or her children aged six (6) and under. (A parent must not attempt to use the computer while small children are left unattended).
- Parents/Caregivers are responsible for their child's behavior whether or not the parent/caregiver is present.
- All Library users, regardless of age are subject to the Library's Code of Conduct. Violations may result in telling both the child and parent/caregiver to leave the facility.
- A parent/caregiver is expected to pick up their child 15 minutes before closing time.
- If a child under age 12 is left unattended at closing time, two staff members will wait with the child for 15 minutes. If the parent/caregiver has not arrived, the Manning Police will be called.

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