

**Geauga County Public Library
Operating Policy Manual**

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Patrons may not bring animals, except for service animals, into the library. A service animal must stay with its owner while in the library. Service or helper animals that are disruptive may be removed from the building at the staff's discretion.

Under Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Service Animals are defined as any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. Unless the task or work completed by the Service Animal is apparent, it falls within our rights to request if the animal is required for a disability and what task or job the animal has been trained to provide.

Other species of animals, whether wild or domestic, trained or untrained, are not considered service animals under Title III of the ADA. In some circumstances, the use of a miniature horse must be allowed if it has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of a person with a disability.

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