

Animal Policy

It is the Policy of the Gooding Public Library District (GPLD) to prohibit all animals from entering library facilities, with the exception of service animals, service animal trainees, and animals featured in programs sponsored by GPLD.

Definitions

While the library occasionally presents educational programs that feature animals, members may only enter the library with an animal if it is a service animal that requires accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Under the ADA, a service animal is a dog or other animal that has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability. The animal must be trained to take a specific action to assist the person with a disability, and the task(s) performed must be directly related to the disability.

Please note: Emotional support, therapy, comfort, or companion animals do not qualify as service animals under the ADA.

If it is not obvious that an animal brought into the library is a service animal, a staff member may ask the following questions:

- 1. Is the service animal required because of a disability?**
- 2. What specific work or task has the animal been trained to perform?**

A staff member attempting to ascertain whether it is a service animal may **not** ask about the nature of a person's disability.

By ADA stipulation, service animals must be under the immediate control of their handlers at all times. Therefore, service animals which are not housebroken, barks/makes noise, are uncontrolled, or are otherwise disruptive will be required to leave the premises. Animals may never be left unattended on library grounds.

Service animals are not allowed on library furniture or fixtures and must remain on the floor or be carried (as appropriate) by their handlers at all times.

Misrepresenting an animal as a service animal is a violation of the library's Patron Code of Conduct, and may result in suspension of library privileges.