



Keene Public Library Policies

Animals in the Library	Adopted: December 14, 2021
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1. Except for service animals as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, no animals or other pets shall be allowed in any part of the Library, unless the animals are part of a scheduled program.
2. The Americans with Disabilities Act and New Hampshire statutes (RSA 167-D:1) define a service animal as a dog, or in some cases a miniature horse that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with disabilities. Per New Hampshire statute 167-D:6, a service animal trainer, while engaged in the actual training process and activities of such animals, shall have the same rights and privileges with respect to access to public facilities and the same responsibilities as are applicable to persons with disabilities using a service animal.
3. Emotional support animals, comfort animals and therapy animals are not considered service animals under ADA and are not granted the same access rights as service animals. Other species of animals than those defined above, whether wild or domestic, trained or untrained, are not service animals for the purposes of this definition.
4. Service animals will remain on a leash while in the Library unless the specific tasks they are performing require that they not be restrained. The service animal will be removed from the library if the animal is not housebroken, not under the handler's control, poses a threat to the health and safety of others, or is causing a disruption.