

Pet-Friendly Policy

Ford City Public Library is a pet friendly public space. To ensure the rights of all patrons, however, the following rules must be followed:

- Pets belonging to staff must be restricted to non-public areas behind the circulation desk.
- Pets visiting the library must be leashed (no retractable leads) and under the handler's control.
- Pets may visit for brief periods only, such as checking in/out materials. Pets do not attend programs or presentations. Service animals are exempt from this guideline.
- Any patron experiencing a problem or inconvenience due to any animal in the library should immediately report the situation to a library staff person.
- All animals are expected to follow the rules any good library patron follows: quiet, well-mannered, and clean and housetrained.
- The library is not responsible for any damage/injury caused by a pet or service animal. The owner is liable for any issues.
- Any patron whose pet is not housebroken, is aggressive, growling, biting, or otherwise disruptive to other patrons by repeatedly barking, wandering around, or in physical contact with other patrons will be asked to remove the animal from the premises.

Service animals, defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as “any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability,” are welcome in all areas of public spaces where members of the public are also allowed by law.

Service animals must still be under the control of their handlers at all time, whether by leash, harness, tether, or other means for the safety of all library users and staff. In compliance with the ADA, a service animal may be excluded from a public facility if either (1) the animal is out of control and the individual does not take effective action to bring it under control, or (2) the animal is not housebroken. In the event of a patron needing to remove their service animal from the premises for any of these legitimate reasons, library staff are happy to offer alternative opportunities for library services.