

Scranton Public Library
Service Animal Policy
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As required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Scranton Public Library will allow service dogs to accompany patrons with disabilities in public areas. The dog may be of any breed. Additionally, miniature horses are allowed under the ADA. The dog (or miniature horse) is not required to wear a vest, and the library, per ADA requirements, will not require the patron to show proof of certification. Instead, the patron / handler will be asked the following questions:

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

If a service animal is out of control, and the patron / handler does not take effective action to control it, or if the animal is not housebroken, the library may ask the patron / handler to remove the animal from the library. Staff will offer the patron / handler the opportunity to receive goods or services without the animal's presence.

The patron / handler is solely responsible for any / all damages or injuries caused by the animal. Under no circumstance will SPL bear any responsibility for any damages to library patrons, staff, or property.