



# ANIMAL POLICY

## A. AUTHORIZED ANIMALS

1. Animals featured in a program sponsored by the Marion County Library.
2. Service animals.
  - a. Any service animal in the library must be on a leash or in a harness.
    - 1) While the owner is standing or ambulatory, the leash or harness is to be held by the owner.
    - 2) If the owner is seated, the service animal is to remain adjacent to the owner.
    - 3) While not required, the owner is to be encouraged to have the animal in an identifying vestment to aid staff and patrons in recognizing the animal as a service animal.
  - b. The staff is to be aware that the owner of any service animal can only be asked:
    - 1) Is the animal required because of a disability?
    - 2) What tasks is the animal trained to perform?

## B. VIOLATIONS

1. Any pet/animal entering the library which does not meet the above criteria is to be removed from the library by the owner.

Adopted by the Marion County Library Board  
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Judith R. Bearden, Chair