



## Animals in the Library Policy

The presence of animals in the library can pose a risk to the health and safety of library patrons and staff. To prevent damage to library facilities and property and possible injury to library users and staff, animals are not permitted in any branch of the Botetourt County Library with the following exceptions:

1. Animals that are part of a library sponsored program or exhibit as determined by the Library Director or designee.
2. Service animals in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and accompanying regulations. A service animal must be under the control of its handler. A harness, leash, or other tether should be used unless it would interfere with the work of the service animal.
3. The library may request that a service animal be removed from the facility and deny further access if the animal is a) out of control b) is not housebroken or c) poses a direct threat to the health and safety of others.

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