

Comsewogue Public Library  
Service Animal Policy

Service animals are permitted at the Comsewogue Public Library in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Service animals are defined by the ADA as working animals (not pets) that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks/duties for people with disabilities. The work/task/duties a service animal has been trained to provide must be directly related to the person's disability.

The animal must be under the handler's control at all times.

The animal must be harnessed, leashed (max. 6 ft. long), or tethered unless their device(s) interferes with the animal's work or the person's disability prevents using the device(s). In cases of device or leash-length interference, the handler must maintain control of the animal through voice, signal, or other effective controls.

The animal must stay in public areas, be housebroken and limit relief to outdoor areas. The animal handler is responsible for prompt removal and disposal of waste.

The animal is not to sit on furniture, indoors or out, as all seating is reserved for the public.

The animal must not demonstrate disruptive, agitated, or aggressive behavior, including but not limited to barking, whining, biting, growling, jumping, scratching, leash pulling, sniffing, or any harassment of Library staff or the public.

The animal must not harass, injure damage, sever, mutilate, or kill any animal or vegetation of any kind.

Library Staff will request the handler correct the animal's behavior if a service animal is not compliant with Library policy. If the handler does not take effective action and control the animal, Library staff will request that the animal be removed from Library grounds. In such a case, the handler will be able to continue the visit, or to visit on another occasion without the animal.