

**Fruitport District Library**  
**47 Park Street, Fruitport, MI 49415**

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*Regulations on Pets and Service Animals*

**PURPOSE**

*\*To ensure compliance with the Accessibility Standards for Customer Service regarding the presence of service, assistance or therapy animals in public facilities.*

*\*To more clearly define various types of service, assistance and therapy animals and to provide guideline to Library Staff.*

*\*To protect Library patrons, staff and property from injury/damage.*

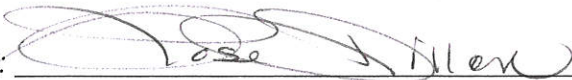
**POLICY**

*It is the policy of the Fruitport District Library (FDL) to prohibit all animals from entering Library facilities, with the exception of service, therapy or assistance animals, assistance animal trainees, and animals featured in programs sponsored by FDL. Violators will be asked to leave the Library and/or to remove their animals from the building.*

**Definitions**

- 1. Service Animals – animals that are individually trained to perform tasks for people with disabilities such as guiding people who are blind, alerting people who are deaf, pulling wheelchairs, alerting and protecting a person who is having a seizure, or performing other special tasks. Service animals are working animals, not “pets”.*
- 2. Assistance Animals – a newer term being proposed to replace the term “service animals”. It is similar to service animal but instead of limiting the animal to assisting one person with a disability, an assistance animal works either with specific person with a disability or a group of people with disabilities under the guidance of a trainer or owner. The animal’s training is similar to that given service animals.*
- 3. Therapy Animals- they provide people with contact to animals, but are not limited to working with people who have disabilities. They are usually the personal pets of their handlers, and work with their handlers to provide service to others.*

Adopted by the Fruitport District Library Board on February 21, 2018 2018.

Signed:   
Rose Dillon Fruitport District Library President