

Animals In the Susquehanna County Historical Society & Free Library Association

No animals are allowed in the Susquehanna County Historical Society & Free Library Association except for service or helper animals and library-owned animals.

In accordance with Title III of the ADA, as a public service entity we permit the use of a service animal in our facility by a person with a disability. SCHS&FLA recognizes that some patrons with disabilities may have service animals which are trained to assist, accommodate, or perform tasks for persons with sensory, mental, or physical disabilities.

A service or helper animal must be under the control of its handler at all times. A person with a disability cannot be asked to remove his or her service animal unless the presence, behavior, or actions of the service animal constitutes an unreasonable risk of injury or harm to property or other persons. Owners of the service animal are solely responsible for the supervision and care of the service animal.

Where it is not readily apparent that an animal is a service animal as defined by the ADA, staff may ask if the animal is required because of a disability and what work or task the animal has been trained to perform. Users of service animals are not required to show papers or to prove disability. Service animals are not required to be licensed or certified by a state or local government or training program. Service animals are not required to be identified by a special harness or collar.

Allergies and fear of animals are generally not valid reasons for denying access or refusing service to people with service animals. If other library users raise those issues, staff will help them find a different place to do their work.

In the case of special association-sponsored events, which may include animals, permission must be received in advance from the Administrator/Librarian.