

ANIMALS IN THE LIBRARY	
Purpose	To outline the WMRL's approach to animals within WMRL facilities.
Scope	This policy applies to all persons within WMRL facilities.
Definitions	None
Policy Guidelines	<p>In an effort to provide safe, welcoming, and inclusive spaces for all patrons and staff, and in deference to some individuals' allergies or aversions to animals, the WMRL prohibits animals of any kind from entering Library facilities. The only exceptions are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified service animals, such as guide dogs and therapy dogs • Animals involved in library programming, with the pre-approval of the Director of Library Services or their designate • Animals owned by the WMRL (eg. goldfish housed at the Brandon Downtown Branch) <p>WMRL staff members have the right to request proof of certification for service animals, and to require animals to leave the premises where such certification is not available.</p> <p>Failure to adhere to this policy constitutes grounds for removal from WMRL facilities.</p>
Date of Approval	Approved by the Library Board on February 16, 2022, in effect immediately.