

## Cat Charms Library Visitors

**Bob is the cat in residence at the Hall Memorial Library in Ellington, Conn.**

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Since 2004, Bob the cat has made the Hall Memorial Library in Ellington, Conn., his home. Library director Susan Phillips found the gray tabby cat hanging around the library that winter and started leaving food outside for him, the Manchester (Conn.) Journal Inquirer reports.

“He was just kind of hanging around the library,” Phillips said. She tried to find a home for Bob, but he kept coming back to the library — walking nearly 15 miles to return. Phillips began feeding him again, and he soon became a library regular.

Now, the cat has a house near the rear of the library and a bed in the back room for when the weather is too poor for him to stay outside. Visitors to the library look forward to seeing him. “The kids come in to see him all the time,” Phillips said.

Bob spends his days wandering around the stacks of books and letting the visitors pet him. He mostly sleeps, curling up on a chair in the reading room or stretching out on a table when he’s not up for a walk. “This is really where he wants to be,” Phillips said.