



## **Pest Infestation Policy**

The Lyons Public Library actively works toward the prevention and containment of bedbugs, cockroaches, and other pests in all materials and on library premises. The library ensures its staff are trained in pest detection, containment, reporting, and treatment protocols.

### **Patron Protocols**

- Library patrons must cease to use library facilities or borrow materials if they are experiencing a pest infestation until their residence has been successfully treated for and eradicated of said pests.
- In the event that a patron discovers a live or dead pest, pest eggs, pest nymphs, casings, or feces/spotting associated with pests in Lyons Public Library materials, the patron must immediately do the following:
  - If the materials are inside of the library, take the materials to a staff member and inform the staff member of the problem.
  - If the materials are outside of the library and in the possession of the patron, place the materials into a sealable plastic bag. Return the sealed materials directly to a staff member and inform the staff member of the problem.
- Patrons must not use book drops to return materials with live or dead pests or evidence of pests.
- Patrons are prohibited from self-treating the library or library materials that are suspected to contain pests.

Due to the nature of pest infestations, the library does not assume responsibility for possible contact with said pests. The library will work to minimize patron contact as much as possible and requires all patrons to notify the library of any pest-related issues when concerning library materials.

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