

2021 WILSON PUBLIC LIBRARY POLICIES

Bed Bugs or Other Insect Damage

Bed bug infestation is an increasing problem worldwide. Although bed bugs do not pose a hazard to human health, they do pose a significant public nuisance, in part due to the difficulty of preventing and controlling infestation. Library staff routinely check all items for damages, including insect damage.

Patrons are asked to voluntarily suspend checkout of Library materials if they are experiencing a bed bug or other insect infestation such as cockroaches or silverfish in their home. Patrons are also asked not to use the book drop check in for materials with signs of insect infestation; rather, seal in a bag and return them to the front desk, letting staff know.

Patrons with public donations are asked to inspect materials for insect damage prior to donating them to the library. The Library reserves the right to discard materials with signs of past or present bug activity.

All Library items determined or suspected to be impacted will be treated as damaged items under the Library Circulation Policy and will either be treated or discarded at the Library Director's discretion.

Any material returned by a patron which shows evidence of live or dead bed bugs will result in 5 immediate suspension of Library privileges for that patron and for any patrons in the same residence.

Suspension will be lifted after the patron presents proof that the residence has been successfully treated for and eradicated of bed bugs, cockroaches, silverfish, or other insects harmful to books by a licensed and accredited pest control company.