

BEDBUGS	
Purpose	To reduce the likelihood of bedbugs in the WMRL and to provide the WMRL with guidelines for how to proceed if a bedbug incident occurs.
Scope	This policy applies to all collections and facilities of the WMRL.
Definitions	None
Policy Guidelines	<p>The WMRL endeavors to prevent and address bedbug incidents in Library materials and facilities.</p> <p>In an effort to prevent bedbug incidents, the WMRL takes the following precautions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides staff with bedbug awareness training and information resources • Ensures all facilities are cleaned regularly with sterilizing cleaning products • Keeps sealable bags near the areas where library materials are checked in so that potentially contaminated materials may be contained • Annually contracts a qualified pest company to inspect all facilities • Ensures that staff members routinely inspect all areas of facilities including furniture, stacks, and carpeted areas for signs of bedbugs <p>In the event of a suspected bedbug incident, the following measures are taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If material within the Library is suspected of bedbug infestation, that material shall be sealed in a bag and taped closed. A qualified pest control company shall be contracted to inspect the material and address the incident accordingly • If the material is not in the Library, the patron in possession of the material shall notify the WMRL and dispose of the material immediately. The patron's physical borrowing privileges may be suspended for one month and a note to this effect may be added to the patron's account. If WMRL administration deems it appropriate, a qualified pest control company will be contracted to inspect the WMRL facilities and address the situation accordingly
Date of Approval	Approved by the Library Board on February 16, 2022, in effect immediately.