

Columbia Township Library

Pest Control Policy

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For the protection of all library users, the Columbia Township Library must ensure a healthy and clean environment and collection. To accomplish this end, it may be necessary for the Library to restrict a patron's ability to borrow materials and/or visit the Library when such use compromises the health and cleanliness of Library facilities or collections.

Situations where library privileges may be suspended include, but are not limited to:

- Evidence that items loaned to a patron were returned containing insects that are known to be damaging to library materials, e.g. roaches and silverfish
- Evidence that items checked out by a patron were returned containing insects that can result in pest infestations in library facilities, e.g. bed bugs, fleas, or roaches.
- Evidence that pests that may result in infestations in library facilities are present on the person or possessions of a Library visitor.

If it is necessary for either facility or borrowing privileges to be suspended, the Library Director will notify the suspended patron by letter. Patrons seeking a reinstatement of their library privileges will need to provide the Director with documentation that the pest problem has been adequately addressed. Examples of this documentation include, but are not limited to:

- Receipts for treatment/inspection from a licensed pest control company
- A written statement from the owner or property manager of a multi-family rental residence verifying treatment