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Pest Control Policy

The Avon Free Library actively works to prevent and contain infestations of pests such as bed bugs, fleas, and other nuisances. All library patrons and staff have a role to play in controlling and limiting the spread of these types of pests in our community.

To best protect our staff, patrons, and collections, staff of the Avon Free Library will routinely inspect incoming materials for signs of bed bugs, fleas, and other pests. These signs include live or dead insects, eggs, nymphs, and feces or spotting.

Any materials in the library that are identified as potentially containing live or dead pest infestations will be promptly quarantined. Library staff will pursue remediation with pest control specialists and every effort will be made to locate and contain the source of such infestations.

Materials returned or donated to the Avon Free Library with evidence of live or dead pest infestations will be professionally treated or discarded at the discretion of the library staff. Discarded items will be considered as lost or damaged items under the library's Borrowing Policy.

Library patrons who are experiencing a pest infestation in their residence should refrain from using the library. Patrons should alert staff if materials being brought into the library have potentially been exposed to pests.

The staff of the Avon Free Library may suspend library privileges for patrons who bring infested materials into the library. Patrons who knowingly bring infested materials into the library may be assessed the costs of remediation with pest control specialists (including treatment of library furnishings).

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