

## **Suspension of Privileges for Health and Safety Reasons**

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The Liberty Lake Library strives to provide a safe and welcoming, healthy and clean environment. In order to fulfill this responsibility, the Library may suspend a library user's ability to borrow materials and/or to visit Library facilities when such use may jeopardize the health and cleanliness of Library facilities, collections and users.

Examples of situations where borrowing of materials may be suspended include, but are not limited to:

- Evidence that items checked out on a customer's card were returned with insects known to be damaging to Library materials, e.g. roaches, silverfish, and some types of beetles.
- Evidence that items checked out on a customer's card were returned with insects that could result in pest infestations in Library facilities, e.g. fleas, lice, bed bugs or roaches.
- Evidence that Library materials checked out on a customer's card were returned with urine, feces, or blood stains, whether human or animal.
- Evidence that items on loan to customers may have been returned with fungi that can be damaging to Library materials, e.g. black mold.

Examples of situations where access to Library facilities may be suspended include, but not be limited to:

- Customers or customer possessions with fleas, lice, or bed bugs
- Customers with clothing that is stained with urine or feces
- Customers with contagious health issues, e.g. measles

Should it become necessary to suspend a Library user's privileges in order to protect Library collections, facilities, or other individuals, direct notification of the suspension will be made by Library staff. Suspension of access to facilities and borrowing privileges will be considered temporary and will be restored when the suspended customer demonstrates that the originating situation has been remediated. This may include proof of qualified extermination procedures conducted at the customer's primary residence or further proof as needed to meet the circumstances. Confirming information may include copies of receipts for treatment or cleaning, a letter from a licensed pest control company or a written statement from the owner or property manager of a multi-family rental residence. In some circumstances, proof of a change of residential address may also be accepted.

Any customer whose library privileges are suspended has a right to appeal, in writing, to the Board of Library Trustees.