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## Bed Bug FAQ's

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### **How are you addressing bed bugs at The Jones?**

Library staff members have been trained to quickly report any possible bed bug sightings on returned items. Our building maintenance staff immediately implements a procedure for dealing with returned items that may have a bed bug. To continue this success, all staff members are periodically reminded to remain watchful. To date, The Jones has not experienced any bed bug problems, either in returned materials or on Library furniture.

### **What should I do if I find a bed bug in a Library book?**

You should seal the book or other Library material in a plastic bag immediately. If you don't have a re-sealable plastic bag at home, secure the bag as tightly as possible with a twist tie. Please return the item to us in the sealed or well secured bag. Please notify Library staff of the problem when you return the item. Books and other materials will be treated or discarded at our discretion. You should not attempt to heat treat or otherwise treat Library materials yourself.

### **Can't I just heat my Library books in the oven? I've checked and there are sites on the Internet that say that works just fine.**

Both pest control professionals and fire departments caution against heating books in an oven. From the pest control perspective, in order to kill bugs and/or eggs, the core of the book must be at 130°F for three hours, which would require much longer than just three hours. There is also the problem of uncertain heat circulation and temperature control. Fire departments don't recommend heating books in an oven because the books could burn and cause a fire.

### **What if bed bugs are found in my home?**

Let Library staff know so they can check items you have borrowed when they are returned. This information will be kept confidential. Return the items to the Library in a sealed plastic bag. If you don't have a re-sealable plastic bag at home, secure the bag as tightly as possible with a twist tie, then put a second bag around the item and secure it.

### **Where can I learn more about bed bugs?**

Additional information on bed bugs can be found on the Environmental Protection Agency's website at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/bedbugs/>



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