

# Pest Management Policy

Background: Pests such as bedbugs have made a resurgence since the early 2000s after “disappearing” in the 1950s. While their increase is most noticed in hotels, apartments, and dorms--places where people sleep--they can make an appearance in library materials, too. It is important to note that an introduction of a pest in library materials does not equal an infestation.

Tompkins County Public Library (TCPL) has established proactive measures to prevent an infestation of pests, and created a series of protocols for identifying, quarantining, inspecting, and treating if pests are introduced.

TCPL will:

- Continuously monitor library materials to provide a prompt and appropriate response;
- Take proactive measures to reduce the risk to staff and customers;
- Contract with qualified pest control companies or the Tompkins County Facilities Department to work in TCPL facilities;
- Review its procedures and protocols regularly to guarantee they remain current and consistent with best practices; and
- Keep informed of best practices for pest prevention and response.

## Revision History

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