



SOMEWHERE LIBRARY

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Library Closed for Pest Control

Somewhere NY, Friday, January 20 2019 -- The Somewhere Library will be closed from Saturday, January 21 for pest control remediation. In December bedbugs were seen in the Library and as part on ongoing maintenance to completely eradicate the insects, the library will close on Saturday so that a pest control company may spray the building. We regret the inconvenience closing the branch will cause, but the health and safety of our customers is most important.

Over the last few years, incidents of bed bug infestations have become a growing problem for all public buildings including hotels, schools, hospitals, libraries and any other building where the public frequents. Because bed bugs can hide in items like jackets, backpacks and other soft materials, they can be brought into any location and create a new case of infestation.

A library is not a conducive environment for bed bugs to thrive. They require a sleeping, human or animal host to feed from, and they will stay close to their food source. Without nourishment, bed bugs will not populate and spread. The Rochester Public Library has established new policies to its current buildings maintenance program to minimize the risk of infestation going forward, which includes regular inspections for bed bugs and treatments as recommended by a qualified pest control company. Library staff are trained to recognize and report bedbugs and steps are taken to eliminate them immediately.

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