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Dear Community,

We want to reassure everyone that our library is free of any live bed bugs. We sincerely appreciate your support and understanding during our temporary closure as we addressed this issue. When live bed bugs were discovered in returned library materials, our staff acted quickly and efficiently to contain the problem and protect our patrons, staff, collection, and facility. Upon recognizing the severity of the situation, we immediately contacted a professional pest treatment company. While our staff effectively managed to contain the active bed bugs, we took extra precautions to ensure the ongoing safety of our facility and collection. On Monday, February 10th, library staff worked diligently to prepare the building to reopen to the public on Tuesday, February 11th. During this time, the Library Board also held a special meeting and approved a Bed Bug Policy and Regulations (the full policy is provided below).

To further safeguard our community, we've made a few adjustments to our book return procedures. We ask that patrons return library materials either in the exterior blue return box, located at the front of the ramp to the main entrance, or in the new book return located inside the lobby to the left of the entrance doors. All materials will be carefully screened for condition and potential damage before being checked in. This process will help us identify and address any future concerns promptly.

Thank you again for your patience and understanding. We are excited to welcome you back today and look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Sheila Bissonnette, MLIS

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