

## **James Prendergast Library's Health & Safety Policy**

### Suspension of Privileges for Health and Safety Reasons

It is the responsibility of the James Prendergast Library to maintain a healthy and clean environment for all Library users and to protect the community's investment in Library collections, equipment and property. In order to fulfill this responsibility, the Library may restrict a 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 on loan to a customer may have been returned with insects that are known to be damaging to library materials, e.g. roaches, silverfish and some types of beetles
- Evidence that items on loan to a customer may have been returned with insects that can result in pest infestations in library facilities, e.g. bed bugs or roaches.

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

- Customers or customer possessions with fleas or lice
- Customers with clothing that is stained with urine or feces

Should it become necessary to suspend Library privileges of a customer in order to protect Library collections, facilities or other users, notification of the suspension will be made by the person in charge of the Library in which the incident occurred. Access to facilities and borrowing will be restored when the suspended customer demonstrates that the situation that caused the loss of privileges has been remediated.