

## MOUNT VERNON PUBLIC LIBRARY RESPONDS TO REPORT OF BED BUG INFESTATION

*Appropriate Steps Taken to Eradicate Any Potential Transmittal to Patrons*

Due to a recent report that bedbugs were found in the Mount Vernon Public Library, we want to assure our patrons that no live bedbugs were found at any time. It is important that our patrons understand that it is safe to visit the library without fear of transporting bed bugs to their homes or businesses. Our facility has been deemed bed bug free by licensed professionals.

**FACT:** The bugs that were originally found were dead and presumed to have been carried in on someone's personal belongings.

**FACT:** The area in which the bedbugs were located was immediately closed to the public and a qualified exterminator was called in to service the room.

**FACT:** The exterminator returned within 24 hours and no live bugs were seen nor were there any additional dead bedbugs found leading to the conclusion that the original source of the bedbugs was a library visitor and there is no infestation of bedbugs at the Mount Vernon Public Library.

We want to take this opportunity to apologize for any inconvenience to the public that this incident may have caused. Be assured immediate steps are taken to eradicate possible threats to our patrons and employees.

If there are any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Ms. Evania Thompson, Director, at 914-668-1840, Ext. 215 or email at [ethompson@wlsmail.org](mailto:ethompson@wlsmail.org)

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