

## HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

It is the responsibility of the Elmhurst Public 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 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 patron 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 patron 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 are not limited to:

- Patrons or patron possessions with fleas or lice.
- Patrons with clothing that is stained with bodily fluids.
- Patrons who are exhibiting evident signs of a communicable illness.

If it is necessary to suspend Library privileges of a patron 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. Access to facilities and borrowing will be restored when the suspended patron demonstrates that the situation that caused the loss of privileges has been remediated.

Any patron who has privileges suspended under this policy, may have the decision reviewed by the Board of Trustees at their regular meeting.