

Health Policy
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It is the responsibility of the Oelwein Public Library to maintain a healthy and clean environment for all library users and to protect the City'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 library user 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 library user 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:

- Library users, or users possessions, with fleas, lice, or bed bugs
- Library users with clothing that is stained with urine or feces

When necessary, the Library Director will notify the library user of the suspension of library privileges in order to protect library collections, facilities, or other users. Access to facilities and borrowing privileges will be restored when the suspended customer demonstrates that the situation that caused the loss of privileges has been remediated.

Any customer that has privileges suspended under the terms of this policy may request a re-evaluation of the suspension by the Library Board of Trustees.