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Sent: 2/20/2018 6:49:29 PM
To: Kristian Wilson [Ex. 6]
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Subject: FW: Bed Bugs in Libraries?

Kristian, with apologies for the late response, and for attribution to “an EPA spokesperson,” please:

1. Bed bugs can live without a blood meal (as in a shelved library book) for a significant period of time. Researchers report times ranging from 20 days to over a year. The lifespan will vary depending on temperature, humidity, and age of bed bug (older ones will live longer without a blood meal).
2. It is very unlikely, though not impossible, that a bed bug infestation will develop in an office, classroom, or other non-residential environment, such as a library. However, these sites can serve as transfer hubs for bed bugs to hitchhike a ride into a home.
3. If someone has a severe bed bug infestation, it is possible that a bed bug could hitchhike a ride to the library in a book. To minimize the risk of hitchhiking bed bug adults or nymphs, patrons can check books before returning, but bed bugs can also be carried on their person or in their personal belongings. For tips on preventing infestations, please see <https://www.epa.gov/bedbugs/protecting-yourself-bed-bugs-public-places>.
4. See #2. Everyone should be vigilant, both in the library and in other public spaces.

Regards, R.

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From: Kristian Wilson [Ex. 6]
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2018 2:38 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Bed Bugs in Libraries?

Hi Robert,

Thank you for your prompt response. We want to go live no later than EOB tomorrow.

Best,

Kristian Wilson
Freelance Writer & Editor

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On Thu, Feb 15, 2018 at 2:22 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Kristian,

Let me see what we can find out for you. Are you on deadline, and when are you hoping to publish your story?

Regards, R.

From: Kristian Wilson [redacted] **Ex. 6**
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2018 2:19 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Bed Bugs in Libraries?

Hi Robert,

I'm a writer for Bustle.com, covering a story on bed bugs in library books. I'm looking for some answers to the following questions:

- 1) How long, theoretically, could bed bugs live in shelved library books?
- 2) How common is it for someone to pick up a bed bug infestation from library books?
- 3) What should a person with a bed bug problem do to avoid spreading the bugs through returned library books?
- 4) Bottom line: Is this something that library users should be worried about?

Thank you for your time. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

All best,

Kristian Wilson

Freelance Writer & Editor

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