Bed Bugs
Information Sheet

Recognizing signs of infestation:

- Look for eggs, frass (small dark flecks), immature and full-grown insects.
- The earlier stages of the life cycle can be quite small and pale.
- Adults are larger, red or red-brown, and have a round and flattened shape.

Where to Look:

- Insects tend to prefer small spaces where sides fit close around them.
- The hollow of a book’s spine or the gutters of the pages will offer this type of confined space and should be checked for infestation.

What to Do:

- **Immediately** notify a supervisor and call facilities staff (in Bobst Library call FCM x81001 and the Preservation Department x29017)
- If possible, capture the insect on a piece of sticky tape. Avoid crushing it to assist with identification.
- Isolate infested materials from collections and people. Completely seal infested books in plastic zip-lock bags.

Disinfesting Library Materials:

- Library materials can be safely and completely disinfested by freezing. No pesticides should ever be applied to library collections. The Preservation Department will coordinate treatment at Bobst Library and can provide advice to portal, institute, and departmental library staff.
- Infested books should be frozen in a commercial chest freezer or by a recovery company facility for a minimum of three days at less than -30F.

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