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For Public Release:

In January 2019 the Westchester Library System (WLS) member libraries listed below were adversely affected by an infection by a computer virus. The virus affected public use computers and resulted in extended periods of time where the computers were unavailable for use.

- Ardsley Public Library
- Bronxville Public Library
- Greenburgh Public Library
- Harrison Public Library
- Lewisboro Library
- Mamaroneck Public Library District
- Ossining Public Library
- Port Chester Rye Brook Public Library
- Ruth Keeler Memorial Library
- Rye Free Reading Room
- Tuckahoe Public Library
- Warner Library

Please note that the Library Management System server, in which WLS stores personally identifiable patron data **was not infected** by this virus.

WLS identified the source of the problem, resolved the issue and has implemented system changes to help prevent future occurrences. All public use computers are now fully operational.

However, no system is ever 100% protected, and this event can serve as a reminder to encourage use of best practices. We ask all users to be vigilant when opening an email with an attachment or clicking on a link. Avoid opening those emails from unfamiliar senders. Before clicking on a link or downloading an attachment from a suspicious email, double check online by searching the subject line of a suspicious email for more information.

We apologize for the loss of service to our member libraries and their communities and will strive to maintain a safe and productive system that empowers libraries to fulfill their mission and bring vital services to their communities.