Pandemics and epidemics occur more frequently than people realize. This is because they are often referred to by a familiar term such as the flu or the opioid crisis. Other common illnesses such as measles, and surges of pest-borne maladies such as Lyme and West Nile disease are thought of as isolated cases. Few realize the extent to which these diseases spread and how deadly they can be. Add to this infestation of bed bugs, ‘killer hornets’, lice, and social maladies such as cyber-crime and the challenges facing libraries become clear.

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