

## LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN

# BYELAWS

### Made under Section 19 of the PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND MUSEUMS ACT, 1964

1. In these Byelaws, unless the context otherwise requires:-

- (a) "the Act" means the Public Libraries and Museums Act 1964;
- (b) "the Library Authority" means the Mayor and Burgesses of the London Borough of Camden;
- (c) "Library" means any Library for the time being maintained by the Library Authority for the purposes of its functions under the Act (and includes a vehicle when being used for those purposes);
- (d) "the Librarian" means the person appointed as such by the Library Authority or, in his/her absence, any other person authorised by the Library Authority to act on his/her behalf;
- (e) "library officer" means the librarian or any other person employed by the Library Authority for the purposes of its function under the Act;
- (f) "book" includes any and every book, journal, pamphlet, music score, manuscript, picture, print, photograph, engraving, etching, deed, map, chart, plan, gramophone record, film and other article of a like nature forming part of the contents of the Library or lent to any person by or on behalf of the Library Authority.

2. An act necessary for the proper execution of his/her duty by a library officer shall not be deemed to be a contravention of these Byelaws.

3. No person shall give a false name or address for the purpose of entering any part of the library or for the purpose of using facilities provided in connection therewith.

4. No person who is offensively unclean in person or in dress, or who is suffering from an offensive disease, shall enter or use the library.

5. Except with the consent of a library officer, no person shall:-

(a) cause or allow any dog (other than a guide-dog accompanying a blind person) or other animal belonging to him/her or under his/her control to enter or remain in the library or

(b) bring into any part of the library a wheeled vehicle or conveyance (other than a [hand-propelled] invalid chair).

6. No person shall, after proper warning by a library officer, remain in the library after the time fixed for its closing.

7. No person shall, unless duly authorised, take any book from the library,

8. No person shall carelessly or negligently soil, tear, cut, deface, damage, injure, or destroy any book or furniture, fittings or other contents of the library..

9. Except with the consent of a library officer, no person shall make a tracing of any portion of a book.

10. No person who -

(a) after the end of the period for which it was lent has the charge or possession of a book borrowed from the library or from any body or person acting on behalf of the Library Authority, and

(b) after having been requested in writing by the Library Authority to deliver it up to that Authority, has failed to do so within a period of fourteen days after the date of the request, and

(c) has not paid to the Library-Authority in respect thereof an agreed sum by way of compensation shall, except with the consent of the Librarian, borrow any further book from the library.

11. No person from whom any sum is due to the Library Authority by reason of a charge made under Section 8(2) of the Act in respect of failure to return a book before the end of the period "for which it was lent shall, except with the consent of the Librarian, borrow any book from the library after having been notified in writing by the Library Authority of the amount due. 12. (1) A person having the charge or possession of any book which the Library Authority is entitled to have returned to it shall deliver it up to the Librarian within fourteen days of the service upon him/her by the Authority of a notice requiring him/her so to do.

12. For the purposes of this Byelaw, a notice may be served upon any person by delivering it to him/her or by leaving it at his/her usual or last known place of residence, or by sending it by registered post or recorded delivery service addressed to him/her at that place.

13. No person shall behave in a disorderly manner in the library or use violent, abusive or obscene language therein.

14. No person shall spit in the library.

15. No person shall, after a warning by a library officer, persist in sleeping in the library.

16. No person shall engage in audible conversation in any part of the library set apart as a reference department or for reading after having been instructed not to do so by a library officer.

17. No person shall wilfully obstruct any library officer in the execution of his/her duty or wilfully disturb, obstruct, interrupt or annoy any other person in the proper use of the library.

18. No person shall display, distribute, affix or post any bill, placard, notice, newspaper or periodical in, to or upon any part of the library.

19. No person shall, without the consent of the Librarian, offer anything for sale in the library.

20. No person shall lie on the furniture or fittings of the library or on the floor thereof (except, with the consent of the Librarian, on the floor of any part of the library for the time being set apart for the use of children).

21. No person shall smoke or strike a light in any part of the library set apart for the use of the public, except in any part thereof (which is for the time being used as a restaurant or) in which, when it is being used for an educational, cultural or other event under Section 20 of the Act, the Library Authority allows smoking.

22. No person shall, except with the consent of a library officer, partake of refreshment in the library, except in any part thereof (which is for the time being used as a restaurant or) in which, when it is being used for an educational, cultural or other event under Section 20 of the Act, the Library Authority allows the partaking of refreshments.

23. Except with the consent of the Librarian, no person shall cause or allow any apparatus for the reception of sound broadcasting or for the reproduction of sound to be operated in any part of the library set apart for the use of the public.

24. Any person who shall offend against any of the foregoing Byelaws other than Byelaws 10 and 11) shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding the sum of £50.

25. Any person who, within the view of the library officer, contravenes any of the foregoing Byelaws may be excluded or removed from the library by such officer if :-

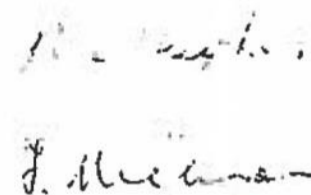
(a) his/her name and address are unknown to and cannot readily be ascertained by the Officer; or

(b) from the nature of the contravention or from any other fact of which the officer may have knowledge or be credibly informed there is reasonable ground for belief that his/her continuance in the library may result in another contravention of the Byelaws or that his/her exclusion or removal from the library is otherwise necessary for the proper use and regulation thereof.

26. On the coming into operation of these Byelaws, the Byelaws relating to libraries which were made by the Mayor and Burgesses of the London Borough of Camden on the 31st day of May, 1966 and were confirmed by the Secretary of State for Education and Science on the 21st day of July 1966 shall be revoked.

THE COMMON SEAL OF THE MAYOR AND BURGESSES  
OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN was  
hereunto affixed by Order

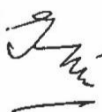
on the 30th day of January 1985.



The foregoing byelaws are hereby confirmed by the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and shall come into operation on 1 May 1985,

Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster

Dated: 29 April 1985



Authorised under Section 19 of the  
Public Libraries and Museums Act 1964