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Section 19 of the Public Libraries and Museums Act, 1964

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made under Section 19 of the Public Libraries and Museums Act 1964 by the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Swansea.

1. In these Byelaws, unless the context otherwise requires:—
 - (a) “the Act” means the Public Libraries and Museums Act, 1964;
 - (b) “the Authority” means the Council of the County Borough of Swansea acting as the “local authority” and the “library authority” for the purposes of the Act;
 - (c) “library” means any library for the time being maintained by the Authority for the purposes of its functions under the Act and includes a vehicle when being used for these purposes;
 - (d) “art gallery” means any art gallery for the time being maintained by the Authority for the purposes of its functions under the Act;
 - (e) “the Librarian” means the person appointed as such by the Authority or, in his absence, any other person authorised by the Authority to act on his behalf;
 - (f) “the Curator” means the person appointed as such by the Authority or, in his absence, any other person authorised by the Authority to act on his behalf;
 - (g) “officer” means the Librarian or Curator or any other person employed by the Authority for the purposes of its functions under the Act;
 - (h) “book” includes any and every book, journal, pamphlet, music score, manuscript, picture, work of art, print, photograph, engraving, etching, deed, map, chart, plan, gramophone record, film and any other article of a like nature forming part of the contents of the Library or Art Gallery or lent to any person by or on behalf of the Authority.
2. An act necessary for the proper execution of his duty by an officer shall not be deemed to be a contravention of these Byelaws.
3. A person shall not give a false name or address for the purpose of entering any part of the library or art gallery or for the purpose of using any facilities provided in connection therewith.
4. A person who is offensively unclean in person or in dress, or who is suffering from an offensive disease, shall not enter or use the library or art gallery.

5. Except with the consent of an officer, a person shall not
 - (a) cause or allow any dog (other than a guide-dog accompanying a blind person) or other animal belonging to him or under his control to enter or remain in the library or art gallery, or
 - (b) bring into any part of the library or art gallery a wheeled vehicle or conveyance other than a hand propelled invalid chair.
6. A person shall not, after proper warning by an officer, remain in the library or art gallery after the time fixed for its closing.
7. A person shall not, unless duly authorised, take any book from the library or art gallery.
8. A person shall not carelessly or negligently soil, tear, cut, deface, damage, injure, or destroy any book or the furniture, fittings or other contents of the library or art gallery.
9. Except with the consent of an officer, a person shall not make a tracing of any portion of a book.
10. A 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 Authority, and
 - (b) after having been requested in writing by the 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 Authority in respect thereof an agreed sum by way of compensationshall not, except with the consent of the Librarian, borrow any further book from the library.
11. A person from whom any sum is due to the 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 not, except with the consent of the Librarian, borrow any book from the library after having been notified in writing by the Authority of the amount due.
12.
 - (i) A person having the charge or possession of any book which the Authority is entitled to have returned to it shall deliver it up to the Librarian within fourteen days of the service upon him by the Authority of a notice requiring him so to do.
 - (ii) For the purposes of this Byelaw, a notice may be served upon any person by delivering it to him, or by leaving it at his usual or last known place of residence, or by sending it by registered post or recorded delivery service addressed to him at that place.

13. A person shall not behave in a disorderly manner in the library or art gallery or use violent, abusive or obscene language therein.
14. A person shall not spit in the library or art gallery.
15. A person shall not, after a warning by an officer, persist in sleeping in the library or art gallery.
16. A person shall not engage in audible conversation in any part of the library set apart as a reference department or for reading after having been requested not to do so by an officer.
17. A person shall not wilfully obstruct any officer in the execution of his duty or wilfully disturb, obstruct, interrupt or annoy any other person in the proper use of the library or art gallery.
18. A person shall not, without the consent of the Librarian or the Curator, display, distribute, affix or post any bill, placard, or notice in to or upon any part of the library or art gallery.
19. A person shall not, without the consent of the Librarian or the Curator offer anything for sale in the library or art gallery.
20. A person shall not lie on the furniture or fittings of the library or art gallery or on the floor thereof.
21. A person shall not smoke or strike a light in any part of the library or art gallery set apart for the use of the public, except in any part thereof in which, when it is being used for an educational, cultural or other event under section 20 of the Act, the Authority allows smoking.
22. A person shall not, except with the consent of an officer, partake of refreshment in the library or art gallery, except in any part thereof in which, when it is being used for an educational, cultural or other event under section 20 of the Act, the Authority allows the partaking of refreshments.
23. Except with the consent of the Librarian or the Curator, a person shall not 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 or art gallery set apart for the use of the public.
24. Every 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 £5. 0s. 0d.

25. Every person who, within the view of an officer contravenes any of the foregoing Byelaws may be excluded or removed from the library or art gallery by such officer if-
- (a) his 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 continuance in the library or art gallery may result in another contravention of the Byelaws or that his exclusion or removal from the library or art gallery is otherwise necessary for the proper use and regulation thereof.

THE COMMON SEAL of THE MAYOR
ALDERMEN AND BURGESSES OF THE
COUNTY BOROUGH OF SWANSEA
was affixed hereto in the presence of:



A. E. BENNETT (Signed)
Deputy Town Clerk.

Confirmed under the Official Seal of the Secretary of State
for Education and Science on 13th October, 1967.



MERVYN LONGHURST (Signed)
Authorised under Section 3 of the
Education Act 1944.

By virtue of Section 92 of the
Criminal Justice Act, 1967 the maximum
penalty under this Bye-law was increased
to £20 on 1st January, 1968.