# COUNTY BOROUGH OF PRESTON

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#### by the

## MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND BURGESSES OF THE BOROUGH OF PRESTON

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

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- (a) "the Act" means the Public Libraries and Museums Act, 1964;
- (b) "the Library Authority" means the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Preston;
- (c) "the Museum and Art Gallery Authority" means the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Preston;
- (d) "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;
- (e) "museum" means any museum for the time being maintained by the Museum and Art Gallery Authority for the purposes of its functions under the Act;
- (f) "art gallery" means any art gallery for the time being maintained by the Museum and Art Gallery Authority for the purposes of its functions under the Act;

(g) "the Librarian" means the person appointed as such by the Library Authority or, in his absence, any other person authorised by the Library Authority to act on his behalf;

(h) "the Curator and Art Director" means the person appointed as such by the Museum and Art Gallery Authority or, in his absence, any other person authorised by the Museum and Art Gallery Authority to act on his behalf;

- "library officer" means the librarian or any other person employed by the Library Authority for the purposes of its functions under the Act;
- (j) "museum and art gallery officer" means the curator and art director or any other person employed by the museum and Art Gallery Authority for the purpose of its functions under the Act;

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- (k) "book" includes any and every book, journal, pamphlet, music score, manuscript, photograph, deed, map, chart, plan, gramophone record, film and any 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;
- "exhibit" includes any and every painting, water-colour, drawing, sculpture, print, mezzotint, aquatint, stipples, etching, lithograph, engraving, ceramics, glass, needlework, costume, watch, jewellery, enamels, postage stamp, coin, token, medal, doll, toy, game, valentine card, greeting card, cigarette card, card case, silhouette, archaeological specimen, natural history specimen, specimen of local historical interest and any other article of a like nature forming part of the contents of the Museum or Art Gallery or lent to any person by or on behalf of the Museum and Art Gallery Authority.
- 2. An act necessary for the proper execution of his duty by a library officer or a museum and art gallery 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, museum 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, museum or art gallery.
- 5. Except with the consent of a library officer or a museum and art gallery 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, museum or art gallery, or
  - (b) bring into any part of the library, museum or art gallery a wheeled vehicle or conveyance other than a hand-propelled invalid chair.
- 6. A person shall not, after proper warning by a library officer or museum and art gallery officer, remain in the library, museum 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 any exhibit from the museum or art gallery.
- 8. A person shall not carelessly or negligently soil, tear, cut, deface, damage, injure, or destroy any book or exhibit, or the furniture, fittings or other contents of the library, museum or art gallery.
- 9. Except with the consent of a library officer, a person shall not make a tracing of any portion of a book.

- 10. (i) A person having the charge or possession of any book or exhibit which the Library Authority or the Museum and Art Gallery Authority is entitled to have returned to it shall deliver it up to that Authority 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.
- 11. A person shall not behave in a disorderly manner in the library, museum or art gallery or use violent, abusive or obscene language therein.
- 12. A person shall not spit in the library, museum or art gallery.
- 13. A person shall not, after a warning by a library officer, or a museum and art gallery officer, persist in sleeping in the library, museum or art gallery.
- 14. 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 a library officer.
- 15. A person shall not wilfully obstruct any library officer or museum and art gallery officer in the execution of his duty or wilfully disturb, obstruct, interrupt or annoy any other person in the proper use of the library, museum or art gallery.
- 16. A person shall not display, distribute, affix or post any bill, placard or notice in, to or upon any part of the library, museum or art gallery.
- 17. A person shall not without the consent of the Librarian or the Curator and Art Director offer anything for sale in the library, museum or art gallery.
- 18. A person shall not lie on the furniture or fittings of the library, museum or art gallery or on the floor thereof.
- 19. A person shall not smoke or strike a light in any part of the library, museum 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 Library Authority or Museum and Art Gallery Authority, allows smoking.
- 20. A person shall not, except with the consent of a library officer or a museum and art gallery officer partake of refreshment in the library, museum or art gallery except in any part thereof which is for the time being used as a restaurant or in which when it is being used

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for an educational, cultural or other event under section 20 of the Act, the Library Authority or the Museum and Art Gallery Authority allow the partaking of refreshments.

- 21. Except with the consent of the Librarian or the Curator and Art Director, 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, museum or art gallery, set apart for the use of the public.
- 22. Every person who shall offend against any of the foregoing Byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding the sum of five pounds.
- 23. Every person who, within the view of a library officer or of a museum and art gallery officer, contravenes any of the foregoing Byelaws may be excluded or removed from the library, museum 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, museum or art gallery may result in another contravention of the Byelaws or that his exclusion or removal from the library, museum or art gallery is otherwise necessary for the proper use and regulation thereof.

