

Libraries

BYELAWS

Made under

Section 19 of the Public Libraries and Museums Act 1964 by the Gwynedd Council

1. In these byelaws, the meaning of the terms below will be:
 - a) “the Act” means the Public Libraries and Museums Act 1964;
 - b) “charge” means any charge imposed in accordance with the Regulations;
 - c) “child” means a person under the age of 11 years;
 - d) “emergency situation” includes situations where a library or part of a library is required to be evacuated for security reasons because
 - of threat from fire or other hazard and practices
 - of false alarms
 - e) “last known address” means the last address held on the library’s service’s records for an individual ;
 - f) “the library authority” means the Gwynedd Council;
 - g) “library” means:
 - i. premises which are occupied by a library authority and are premises where library facilities are made available by the authority, in the course of their provision of a public library service, to members of the public;
 - ii. any vehicle which is used by the library authority for the purpose of providing a public library service to members of the public and is a vehicle in which facilities are made available;and includes any part of such premises or vehicles;
 - h) “the library officer” means any officer employed by the library authority in connection with its functions under the Act;

- i) “library property” includes property owned by or provided for the use of the library authority whether or not it is made available by the library authority for use by the public and property obtained by the library authority for the loan to or use of the public;
 - j) “the Regulations” means ‘The Library Charges (England and Wales) Regulations 1991’ SI 1991/2712;
 - k) use of words
 - words using the masculine gender can include the feminine,
 - words in the singular include the plural
 - words in the plural include the singular;
 - l) expressions used, unless the contrary intention appears, have the meaning which they bear in the Act and Regulations.
2. An act performed in connection with the proper execution of his duty by a library officer shall not be a contravention of these byelaws.
 3. No persons shall give a false name or address for the purpose of entering the library or for the purpose of using any library facility.
 4. The library officer, at his discretion, has the right to refuse entry to the library and use of the library to anyone who he thinks :
 - is dirty or smelly in person or in clothing
 - behaves inappropriately to other users of the library
 - appears to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs
 5. Except with the consent of a library officer, no person shall:
 - a. cause or allow any dog (other than a working dog accompanying a disabled person) or other animal belonging to him or under his control to enter or remain in the library;
 - b. bring into any part of the library a wheeled vehicle (other than a wheelchair, pram, pushchair or shopping trolley) ;
 - c. enter, or remain in, any part of the library which a reasonable person would, or should, know is prohibited to the public; or
 - d. remain in the library after the time fixed for its closing.
 6. No person shall remain in the library after an emergency situation has been made known to him.
 7. No person shall, unless specifically permitted by a library officer, take or attempt to take any library property from the library or past a check out or security point.

8. In the library no person shall :
 - behave in a disorderly manner
 - use violent, abusive or obscene language therein,
 - intentionally or recklessly cause or do anything likely to cause injury to any other person or property.
9. No person shall sleep in the library after having been requested not to do so by a library officer.
10. No person shall remain in a library without making proper use of the library's facilities after having been requested by a library officer, to make such proper use of the facilities.
11. No person shall harass or obstruct any library officer in the execution of his duty or recklessly disturb, obstruct, interrupt, abuse or annoy any other person properly using the library.
12. No person shall, without the consent of a library officer, intentionally display, distribute, or leave any bill, placard, notice or other document in the library.
13. No person shall, without the consent of a library officer, offer anything for sale in the library or canvass or seek signatures for petitions.
14. No person having charge of a child shall without the consent of a library officer leave him unsupervised in the library.
15. No person shall smoke in the library, nor on land belonging to the Council.
16. No person shall eat in the library except with the consent of a library officer.
17. The following can only be used in the library with the consent of a library officer
 - any electrical equipment,
 - any apparatus for the reception of sound broadcasting
 - any equipment for the reproduction of sound,
18. No person who
 - a. has in his possession library property after the date on which it should be returned
 - b. fails to pay any charge,shall borrow any other library property. unless with the specific consent of a library officer.
- 19a. Any person who has been served with a notice by the library authority demanding return of the library property shall return the library property to any library which is a member of TALNET partnership

- 19b. For the purposes of this byelaw, a notice may be served upon any person by
- delivering it to him,
 - by leaving it as his last known address,
 - by sending it by post addressed to him at that address.
20. Any person who contravenes any of the above byelaws shall be liable to prosecution by the library authority and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale in respect of each offence.
21. A library officer may exclude any person who contravenes any of the above byelaws from any library maintained by the library authority under the Act.
22. On the coming into operation of these byelaws, the previous byelaws relating to libraries which were made by Gwynedd Council, which were confirmed by the National Assembly for Wales, and came into operation on the 7th day of November 2001, shall be revoked.

THE COMMON SEAL of GWYNEDD)
COUNCIL was hereunto affixed in the)
presence of:-)

Authorised Signatory

The above revised byelaws should come into operation on 1st February 2011 following a period of consultation.

Users of the library and users of library facilities are reminded that the provisions of the general law apply at all times.