



Libraries Offences Act 1898

1898 CHAPTER 53 61 and 62 Vict

An Act to provide for the Punishment of Offences in Libraries. [12th August 1898]

1 Short title.

This Act may be cited as the Libraries Offences Act 1898.

2 Penalty for offences.

Any person who, in any library or reading-room to which this Act applies, to the annoyance or disturbance of any person using the same,—

- (1) behaves in a disorderly manner;
- (2) uses violent, abusive, or obscene language;
- (3) bets or gambles;
- (4) or who, after proper warning, persists in remaining therein beyond the hours fixed for the closing of such library or reading-room,
shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding [^{F1}level 1 on the standard scale].

Textual Amendments

F1 Words substituted by virtue of [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c.48, SIF 39:1\)](#), s. 46

3 Application of Act.

This Act shall apply—

- (a)
- (b) to any library or reading-room maintained by a Society registered under the [^{F3M1}Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965,] or under the [^{F4M2}Friendly Societies Act 1974,] or by any registered Trade Union.

Status: Point in time view as at 01/02/1991.

*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects
for the Libraries Offences Act 1898. (See end of Document for details)*

Textual Amendments

- F2** S. 3(a) repealed by [Public Libraries and Museums Act 1964 \(c. 75\)](#), [Sch. 3](#)
F3 Words substituted by virtue of [Interpretation Act 1978 \(c. 30\)](#), [s. 17\(2\)\(a\)](#)
F4 Words substituted by virtue of [Friendly Societies Act 1974 \(c. 46\)](#), [Sch. 10 para. 2](#)
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Marginal Citations

- M1** [1965 c. 12.](#)
M2 [1974 c. 46.](#)

4 Extent of Act.

This Act shall not apply to Scotland or Ireland.

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