



# 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;

<sup>F1</sup>(3) .....

(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 [<sup>F2</sup>level 1 on the standard scale].

**Textual Amendments**

**F1** [S. 2\(3\)](#) repealed (1.9.2007) by [Gambling Act 2005](#) (c. 19), s. 358(1), Sch. 16 para. 2, [Sch. 17](#) (with ss. 352, 354, [Sch. 16](#) paras. 21); [S.I. 2006/3272](#), art. 2(4)(5), [Sch. 3B](#) (with arts. 7-11arts. 7-12Sch. 4) (as inserted by [S.I. 2007/2169](#), arts. 3, 6, Sch.)

**F2** 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) ..... <sup>F3</sup>

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

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- (b) to any library or reading-room maintained by a Society<sup>[F4]</sup> that is a registered society within the meaning of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014, or is registered<sup>M1</sup> under the <sup>[F5]</sup>Friendly Societies Act 1974,] or by any registered Trade Union.

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**Textual Amendments**

- F3** S. 3(a) repealed by [Public Libraries and Museums Act 1964 \(c. 75\)](#), **Sch. 3**
- F4** Words in s. 3 substituted (1.8.2014) by virtue of [Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 \(c. 14\)](#), s. 154, **Sch. 4 para. 20** (with Sch. 5)
- F5** Words substituted by virtue of [Friendly Societies Act 1974 \(c. 46\)](#), **Sch. 10 para. 2**
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**Marginal Citations**

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

**4 Extent of Act.**

This Act shall not apply to Scotland or Ireland.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Libraries Offences Act 1898.