

# Principle FIVE

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Information about current affairs is important, and when information is distorted for whatever reason, it becomes a dangerous thing – and a public nuisance. Fortunately, not all news is delivered by those with private interests supporting a small clique of multi-millionaires. There are now an increasing number of co-operative news outlets. Here is some good news:

## **The Canary news website switches to a workers' co-op structure**

Reported in Co-operative News  
By [Alice Toomer-McAlpine](#)  
26<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Other news co-operatives include:

[Co-op News](#)

[New Internationalist](#)

[Ethical Consumer](#)

[Positive News](#)

[Morning Star](#)

And although not a co-operative, [The Tribune](#) – Sheffield is a local independent news service.

More Good News!

## **Government adopts common asset reform from MP's co-ops bill**

The measure from Labour/Co-op MP Mark Hendrick's bill will now go to the committee stage.

Co-operative News

By [Miles Hadfield](#)  
29<sup>th</sup> October 2022

One of the interesting things about managing the Principle 5 library is seeing the readers information on books which we have acquired from other libraries.

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**SHEFFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

**REFERENCE LIBRARY.**

Book No. 334887

The Reference Library is open each week-day from 10 a.m. to 9.30 p.m., and on Sundays from 2 to 9 p.m.

Every reader is to enter particulars of all books consulted from the open shelves, together with his or her name and address, on the form provided for that purpose. Such books are not to be replaced on the shelves, but are to be left on the tables after use. Certain works not stored on the open shelves, may be obtained by presenting a completed application form to the Assistant, and such books are to be returned to the Assistant after use.

Illustrations may be copied, but not traced. The use of ink in this Library is forbidden.

No book from the Reference Library is to be taken out of the building.

Persons under 14 years of age are not admitted to the Reference Library except by permission of the Librarian.

You will see from the example above that Sheffield City Reference Library was open seven days a week; 10:00am – 9:30pm on Monday – Saturday  
2:00pm – 9:00pm on Sundays

It is clear that the Reference Library was managed in an orderly way and the library users were respectful of the service.

In the 1960s when I was still at secondary school, I regularly used Sheffield City Reference Library and remember the opening times and what it was like at that time. The lending libraries were similarly open at convenient times.

These were the days of Municipal Socialism when Council housing, transport, education, arts and libraries, printing and building, works and maintenance were owned by the people of Sheffield and managed by the City Council, all for the quality of the service and not for private money-making. All staff were employed under proper trade union conditions and employed directly by the Council.

### Co-operative Libraries

The co-operative societies had education departments and members lending libraries. Since many such libraries have disappeared some of the books which they held have been donated to Principle 5. We can learn a little about the co-operative members libraries by looking at the information labels on the inside covers of the books. Here are some examples;



Royal Arsenal Co-operative Society's

# LIBRARY

No. 216 Class B Value 3/6

## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO BORROWERS.

1.—Time allowed for reading any book, unless otherwise specified, is fourteen days.

2.—Books may be renewed for a further period of fourteen days, if not required by another borrower.

3.—Borrowers keeping books beyond the time allowed will be fined one penny for each week, or part of a week, so kept.

4.—Borrowers are held responsible for the safe custody and return of any book issued to them.

5.—Special attention is called to the Library Rules, which are binding on all borrowers.

6.—Purchasing Members only are admitted as borrowers.

7.—Borrowers must check their lists with the Indicator, which shews all books belonging to the Library.

Numbers on **Red** are out.

Numbers on **Blue** are in.

Numbers **covered** are temporarily withdrawn for binding or other necessary repairs.



Royal Arsenal Co-operative Society, Ltd.  
Education Department.

REFERENCE AND STUDENTS' LIBRARY.

No. 538 Class 742 Value 5/-

GENERAL RULES FOR BORROWERS.

1. Books of Reference on Co-operation and Allied subjects will be loaned to members of the Royal Arsenal Co-operative Society, for a period not exceeding four weeks.
2. No book will be issued unless a borrower's ticket be presented, or a book returned.
3. Borrowers retaining books for a period exceeding four weeks will be fined threepence for every succeeding week or part week. A book may be renewed provided no member has asked for the loan of it in the meantime.
4. Borrowers are held responsible for the safe custody and return of any book issued to them, and will be expected to make good any loss or serious damage.
5. Members are requested to take due care of the books; they are cautioned against turning down the leaves or introducing pencil or other marks in the books.
6. Every borrower, on change of residence, is requested to notify the Librarian, in order that alterations may be made in the library records.
7. **CAUTION.**—In the event of a book coming within range of infection, it should be reported immediately to the Sanitary Officer, who will deal with it in the course of his duties.

In such cases notification should be made to the Education Department.

8. The Librarian shall have the power to refuse books to any borrower who shall neglect or object to comply with the foregoing rules of the Library; but any member so refused shall have liberty to appeal to the Education Committee, whose decision shall be final.



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Ipswich Industrial Co-operative Society Limited  
EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

## Members' Lending Library

Hours of Attendance for exchange of Books:

MONDAYS	-	-	- 3 to 5 p.m.
FRIDAYS	-	-	6-30 to 8 p.m.
SATURDAYS	-	3 to 5 p.m.	- 6 to 8 p.m.

Halfpenny charged for each book. Time allowed for reading 14 days. The fine for keeping longer is one halfpenny per week, or part of a week.

*N.B.—Borrowers will be held responsible for books lost or damaged*

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## I.C.S. Members' Library.

The period allowed for reading is 14 days from the date stamped below. For this period a charge of  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. is made on works of fiction only. All books must be returned at the end of 14 days, but they can be renewed unless required by another reader.

A fine of  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. for each week or parts of a week is charged on **all** books retained beyond the time allowed.

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Members are always welcome to visit the resource centre.  
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