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Friday	9am–5pm
Saturday	10am–5pm
Sunday	11am–3pm



# Leeds Public Libraries

*'A Library is a haven'* – Alan Bennett

Leeds has a rich history in its public Libraries; discover our photographic archive of Leeds Libraries, the books that were bought for Libraries in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century and the social and economic impact Libraries have had in the city over the years with fascinating reports from years gone by.

For more information call 0113 247 6016  
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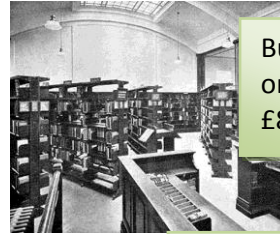
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- Leeds Library and Information Services . - *Chronology of Leeds City Libraries since 1870* . (Leeds : Leeds Library and Information Services), 1971 *Shelfmark – LQP 027.4 C855*
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- Library of Science, Commerce and Technology, *Who Makes Jam in Amsterdam?* (Leeds), 1988 *Shelfmark- LP 026.6 P931*
- Leeds Library and Information Services - *Leeds Branch Library Cuttings 1962-64*, *Shelfmark – LQ 027.4 LS17*
- Leeds Library and Information Services - *Leeds Public Libraries Collection of Stationary Forms 1920s* *Shelfmark – LF 025.5 L517*
- Leeds Library and Information Services - *Leeds Public Library Notices 1923-24*, *Shelfmark – LQ27.4 LEE*
- City of Leeds Public Libraries – *Middleton Library Journal* Various years *Shelfmark – P027.405 L51L*
- City of Leeds Public Libraries – *Compton Road Junior Library Magazine, Autumn 1953* *Shelfmark – P 027.625 L51L*

## Photographs

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Explore over 100 years of Leeds Libraries photographs...

### ? Did you Know ?



Burley Library was opened on 15<sup>th</sup> June 1926 and cost £8,338 to build

The first Rothwell Library was built in 1947; it was a wooden hut from a local closed isolation hospital. It remained there until June 1952 when it was replaced by a new pre-fabricated building



Designed by architect Percy Robinson and opened in 1902, Armley Library was the first purpose built Library in Leeds. In the early days of Leeds Libraries strictly 'ticket holders only' were admitted!

## Leeds Libraries' History

Some examples of the documents we hold on our Libraries spanning over 100 years:

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