

# Ranganathan's Laws of Library Science

Original version by  
Ranganathan<sup>1</sup>

1. Books are for use.
2. Every reader his [or her] book.
3. Every book its reader.
4. Save the time of the User.
5. The library is a growing organism.

Modern version by  
Crawford & Gorman<sup>2</sup>

1. Libraries serve humanity.
2. Respect all forms by which knowledge is communicated.
3. Use technology intelligently to enhance service.
4. Protect free access to knowledge.
5. Honor the past and create the future.

Web version by  
Alireza Nuruzi<sup>3</sup>

1. Web resources are for use.
2. Every user has his or her web resource.
3. Every web resource its user.
4. Save the time of the user.
5. The Web is a growing organism.

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<sup>1</sup> Ranganathan, S. R. *The Five Laws of Library Science*. London: Edward Goldston. 1931.

<sup>2</sup> Crawford, W., & Gorman, M. *Future libraries: dreams, madness & reality*. Chicago and London, American Library Association, 1995.

<sup>3</sup> Noruzi, A. (2004). "Application of Ranganathan's Laws to the Web." *Webology*, 1(2), Article 8. Available at: <http://www.webology.ir/2004/v1n2/a8.html>.