

The Evil Practice of Borrowing Books

THE practice of borrowing books is essentially an evil one in those who can afford to own books, and public libraries serve to encourage and foster the evil, though they are of very great value to the poor student. We think that, upon general principles, people should own the books they read. We believe heartily in buying books, reading books, and keeping books. As a reference a public library serves an admirable purpose, and in many instances it is of undoubted advantage to the people. But one that would be surely profited by books should own them if he can, and should have them for companions continually around him.

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