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## Ten commandments revisited

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# Faulkner-Brown's ten commandments

1 *flexible*

2 *compact*

3 *accessible*

4 *extendible*

5 *varied*

6 *organised*

7 *comfortable*

8 *constant in  
environment*

9 *secure*

10 *economic*

# Faulkner-Brown's ten commandments, extended

- A library should be:
  - 1 *flexible* with a layout, structure and services which are easy to adapt;
  - 2 *compact* for ease of movement of readers, staff and books;
  - 3 *accessible* from the exterior into the building and from the entrance to all parts of the building, with an easy comprehensible plan needing minimum supplementary directions;
  - 4 *extendible* to permit future growth with minimum disruption;
  - 5 *varied* in its provision of book accommodation and of reader services to give wide freedom of choice;
  - 6 *organised* to impose appropriate confrontation between books and readers;
  - 7 *comfortable* to promote efficiency of use;
  - 8 *constant in environment* for the preservation of library materials;
  - 9 *secure* to control user behaviour and loss of books;
  - 10 *economic* to be built and maintained with minimum resources both in finance and staff.

# Faulkner-Brown's ten commandments, revisited by Andrew McDonald

1 *flexible*

2 *compact*

3 *accessible*

4 *extendible*

5 *varied*

6 *organised*

7 *comfortable*

8 *constant in environment*  
*- environmentally suitable*

9 *secure*

*- safe and secure*

10 *economic*

+ *Interactive*

+ *Conducive – motivating  
people*

+ *IT suitable*

+ *Oomph*