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THE RISE of the free public library movement in the late 19th century grew out of the decline of the Mechanics' Institutes and the rise of the common school. This account explores the successful institutionalization of the free library movement in the 1880-1930 years, chronicling the individuals and groups that promoted ideas given philanthropic backing by Carnegie.

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THE ESSAYS in this volume explore the transition from chattel slavery to wage labour on three continents, discussing work practices and forms of payment before and after emancipation.

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NOBLE EXPLORES the tremendous costs of the purposively "deworking" of contemporary economies, pointing to the necessity of resisting corporate agendas

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