

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

I need a some information regarding Leicester City Council's library services which I can't find on your website.

- 1) A detailed breakdown of library budget for the 2012/13 financial year (or if that is not available 2011/12), showing actual income and expenditure.**

ANSWER

The information on the Council's library budget and on all library authority budgets is publically available on the CIPFA website.

- 2) As part of the library budget do you have a specific programme budget for children and young people? If so could I have a breakdown of it including any specific funding received for young people and children received from outside agencies including government agencies.**

We do not formally have a separate budget for children but the CIPFA return we made for the last financial year gives a good indication of the number of books purchased for children and young people. A close look through the attached document (4713 Attachment) may help.

The Libraries Services receives specific funding from the Council's children's services department to fund work as part of the Bookstart project. This is circa £50k p.a. We have other work with children commissioned by a local agency managed by the Schools Development Support Agency (SDSA) called "Whatever It Takes" (WIT). This agency commissions projects to improve the take up and enjoyment of reading in the city, mostly amongst school age children. Leicester libraries undertake various projects to achieve this and we submit bids to WIT to fund, for example, "Our Best Book" which involves around 20+ primary schools and Everybody's Reading which involves all council secondary schools in the city.

- 3) Do you have a breakdown on what money you spend on books, DVDs etc specifically for young people and children?**

Please see the answer to question 1 above.

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