

## 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 would like to request the following information under the FOI.**

**How many books were issued to borrows in each Library in Leicester in the year ending 2011 and the year ending 2010?**

**How many books are in the combined Leicester Central Library for loan/reference and how many were there in the previous Central Lending and Central Reference Library (by library)?**

Response

The numbers of items borrowed from each library in Leicester in 2010 and in 2011 are listed in Item 1. Please note that the buildings were closed at various times for the improvement works to be carried out which affected levels of use during that period.

The total number of books in Leicester Central Library in 2011 was 140,271. The number in the combined Lending and Information Libraries in 2010 was 176,256. Please see table below which breaks this down into its elements.

### CENTRAL LIBRARY SERVICE BOOK STOCK

Source: National CIPFA statistics return

<b>Library</b>	<b>1st April 2010</b>	<b>1st April 2011</b>
Central Learning Library catalogued	24768	0
Central Learning Library uncatalogued (estimate)	37179	0
Central Lending Library	90356	0
Music & drama sets collection	23953	26069
Leicester Central Library public area	0	86703
Leicester Central Library reserve stacks	0	27,949
<b>Total</b>	<b>176256</b>	<b>140721</b>

Note 1: Music & Drama sets relocated from Central Lending Library to Southfields Library (in entirety) November 2011

Note 2: Some stock has been relocated to community libraries. Overall city book stock figures as follows:

## CITY WIDE BOOK STOCK

Source: National CIPFA statistics return

	1st April 2010	1st April 2011
City wide book stock	565978	544535

For your information, the total stock of the city's library service reduced by 21,443 from 2010 to 2011. In order to set this in context, in a normal year, approximately 70,000 new items are added to stock in the city and 60,000 to 70,000 removed as a result of being worn-out or out of date.

**Any information relating to the proposals in place, whether this be discussed in minutes/internal memos etc that relates to the plans to move St Matthews Library, Aylestone Library and Fosse Library, respectively and the proposals as to where they will be moved too as well as the cost of such a move and how this will save money?**

The information on the proposals concerning the 3 libraries may be found on a number of documents which are attached to this letter. Additional information is published on the council's website at [www.leicester.gov.uk/librariesconsultation](http://www.leicester.gov.uk/librariesconsultation) . The council's full budget consultation is available at :-  
<http://citymayor.leicester.gov.uk/budgetproposals/>

A short explanation of each document is outlined below.  
Item 2 is a document showing the relative cost per item borrowed from all Leicester's Libraries.

Item 3 is a summary document of the Libraries budget for 2011/12 and an explanation of the approach taken to the proposed savings.

Item 4 is the official savings proposal for the 3 Libraries and the affect this will have over the 3 year budget cycle.

Item 5 is the Equalities Impact Assessment for this proposal. It is only partially completed so far as it required input from the consultation exercise.

Item 6 is the formal bid for funding to implement the self-service facilities at the 3 libraries at and 2 other centres in other parts of the city where it is proposed that there will be small book collections for loan based on a self-service model

Item 7 is a short summary of the cost and savings made from the proposal over a 3 year period which addresses your question on the amount of savings and the cost of the proposal.

**How many books are in the children's library in the new Central Library as to the previous Central Library, Belvior Street.**

The number of books in the children's section in Leicester Central Library in 2011 was 9,665. The number in the Central Lending Library in 2010 was 11,347. Please see table below.

**CENTRAL LIBRARY CHILDRENS BOOK STOCK**

Source: National CIPFA statistics return

	<b>1st April 2010</b>	<b>1st April 2011</b>
Central Libraries' children's library book stock	11347	9665

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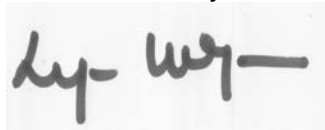
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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynn Wyeth', written on a light-colored rectangular background.

**Lynn Wyeth**  
**Information Governance Manager**