

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - Library Books

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

You asked:

- a) **How many library books were purchased by your authorities' libraries in each of the last financial years?
(By which I mean 06/07, 07/08, 08/09, 09/10, 10/11)**
- b) **What was the budget for purchasing library books in each of those five financial years?**
- c) **What is the budget this year (11/12) for purchasing library books?**

For a) and b), please list the figures for each year individually, rather than as a total for the five years.

For b) and c), I'm not looking for the staff costs of procuring library books, just the amount spent (or to be spent) on the books themselves.

Books Purchased Leicester Libraries		
Year	Number of Books	Media Fund spend on Books NB excludes spend on non-book media
2006/2007	73,819	330,982
2007/2008	68,507	370,900
2008/2009	78,164	410,346
2009/2010	63,099	367,278
2010/2011	60,706	389,097
2011/2012		£556,500 *
* Media fund 11/12 which will include the spend on books is £556,500. This is a similar total to each of the previous years, but the Bookfund covers non- book materials, journals and newspapers and electronic reference tools (online resources) these spends are excluded from the above years spends as the question was about books.		

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Head of Information Governance

Information and Support

Leicester City Council

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Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow SK9 5AF

Telephone: 01625 545 700

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Yours sincerely

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