

Response to Request for Information

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Libraries

Request:

For both questions, please break this down by each library and by year, so it is possible to see the activity levels at each library for the years stated.

- The number of total visits to your libraries during the calendar years 2015, 2016 and 2017 to date.

| Branch | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 * |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Ashmore Park | 33350 | 41900 | 9962 |
| Bilston | 35750 | 48950 | 16065 |
| Blakenhall | 2300 | 2000 | 1326 |
| Central Library | 339850 | 399850 | 122350 |
| Collingwood | 900 | 1850 | 502 |
| East Park | 13150 | 11450 | 3919 |
| Finchfield | 23250 | 23200 | 6086 |
| Long Knowle | 8000 | 7400 | 3188 |
| Low Hill | 11500 | 13150 | 5355 |
| Pendeford | 23450 | 22400 | 7693 |
| Penn | 21100 | 27150 | 6069 |
| Spring Vale | 15150 | 21000 | 3723 |
| Tettenhall | 24950 | 31200 | 9818 |
| Warstones | 39000 | 43100 | 13158 |
| Wednesfield | 59200 | 64500 | 16074 |
| Whitmore Reans | 15800 | 20450 | 3698 |
| | 666700 | 779550 | 228986 |

* Information provided for 1 January 2017 to 21 May 2017

2. The number of books borrowed from your libraries during the calendar years 2015, 2016 and 2017 to date.

| Issues | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 * |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Ashmore Park | 26480 | 20701 | 5855 |
| Bilston | 33848 | 28800 | 9235 |
| Blakenhall Community Hub | 1775 | 990 | 213 |
| Central Library | 182978 | 159690 | 48540 |
| Collingwood | 3285 | 2161 | 710 |
| East Park | 17138 | 8199 | 2472 |
| Finchfield | 57871 | 50617 | 13817 |
| Long Knowle | 12050 | 10590 | 3379 |
| Low Hill | 14363 | 13197 | 4041 |
| Pendeford | 27106 | 24834 | 8258 |
| Penn | 33881 | 28048 | 9057 |
| Spring Vale | 13064 | 9329 | 2895 |
| Talis Message | 46625 | 36658 | 11784 |
| Tettenhall | 71724 | 67151 | 20754 |
| Warstones | 45831 | 38744 | 11769 |
| Wednesfield | 50063 | 46463 | 13878 |
| Whitmore Reans | 10086 | 8561 | 3117 |
| | 648168 | 554733 | 169774 |

* Information provided for January 2017 to April 2017

Whilst book issues have fallen, visits to libraries in the City of Wolverhampton have increased. From 2015/16 to 2016/17 there was a 12% increase in visits.

There was also a small increase in PC usage as follows:

| ICT Usage | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|------|
| Hours available | 246500 | 254358 | 3.2% |
| Hours used | 120610 | 120895 | 0.2% |

3. The top 10 most borrowed library books across the network in 2016.

| Bibliographic description | Loans per item (inc. non-loans) |
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| Child, Lee. - Make me - London : Bantam 2015 | 377.00 |
| Hawkins, Paula. - The girl on the train - London : Doubleday 2015 | 330.00 |
| Steel, Danielle. - Property of a noblewoman - London : Bantam 2016 | 319.00 |
| Archer, Jeffrey, 1940-. - Cometh the hour - London : Macmillan 2016 | 288.00 |
| Child, Lee. - Personal - London : Bantam 2014 | 197.00 |
| Baldacci, David. - The last mile - London : Macmillan 2016 | 197.00 |
| Connelly, Michael, 1956-. - The crossing - London : Orion B 2015 | 192.00 |
| Patterson, James, 1947-. - Murder house - London : Century 2015 | 192.00 |
| Coben, Harlan, 1962-. - Fool me once - London : Century 2016 | 191.00 |
| Lee, Harper. - Go set a watchman - London : William B. Eerdmans 2015 | 190.00 |

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