

FRCS FOI 9184/14

1. How many books the library service has purchased since its inception.

The requested information is not available.

2. How many books were purchased for each year over the past ten years.

2004-05	51,208
2005-06	60,180
2006-07	66,905
2007-08	60,482
2008-09	78,998
2009-10	71,043
2010-11	59,897
2011-12	52,818
2012-13	56,388
2013-14	67,887

3. How many books are stocked in each library in the Borough - I would specifically like to know how stock levels have reduced so please provide total stock levels for each of the last five years for each library.

Library	08/04/2010	21/03/2011	02/03/2012	05/03/2013	13/03/2014
Angel Raynham	4,790	4,951	4,792	3,523	2,500
Bowes Road	10,737	10,324	8,522	8,614	6,457
Bullsmoor	17,419	15,509	11,722	8,488	7,626
Edmonton Green	57,321	57,361	43,236	40,715	35,456
Enfield Highway	23,473	21,354	18,609	18,113	17,446
Enfield Island Village	7,008	6,440	5,392	4,719	4,271
Enfield Mobile	2,643	2,482	2,988	6,269	6,707
Enfield Town	50,183	51,983	44,136	35,242	36,014
Fore Street	20,409	18,933	15,041	14,198	11,411
John Jackson	8,634	9,841	9,645	9,055	6,957
Millfield House	0	0	0	1,122	1,197
Oakwood	19,046	18,936	18,231	16,824	16,673
Ordnance Road	41,392	33,854	30,519	23,629	17,469
Palmers Green	43,887	40,503	35,124	32,077	16,586
Ponders End	21,504	18,986	17,592	17,413	14,880
Ridge Avenue	66,331	61,088	56,390	55,759	50,502
Southgate Circus	28,763	24,889	22,452	20,736	18,983
Winchmore Hill	18,598	17,627	14,967	14,680	14,869
Total	442,138	415,061	359,358	331,176	286,004

4. How much money has been spent on library stock for the past five years broken down per library branch.

Library	Currently awaiting data from third party supplier for 2009-10	Currently awaiting data from third party supplier for 2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Angel Raynham			£2,247	£2,434	£2,044
Bowes Road			£4,737	£5,423	£6,605
Bullsmoor			£6,484	£6,841	£6,592
Edmonton Green			£73,971	£72,148	£59,477
Enfield Highway			£11,297	£12,494	£16,479
Enfield Island Village			£5,706	£5,437	£4,128
Enfield Mobile			£0	£1,301	£2,688
Enfield Town			£85,728	£81,534	£68,606
Fore Street			£14,341	£13,105	£15,835
John Jackson			£10,718	£7,037	£9,803
Millfield House			£0	£2,027	£653
Oakwood			£15,637	£17,791	£20,672
Ordnance Road			£23,307	£23,686	£5,928
Palmers Green			£44,055	£45,172	£23,738
Ponders End			£10,436	£12,606	£15,261
Ridge Avenue			£30,011	£35,880	£36,839
Southgate Circus			£22,594	£23,529	£26,491
Winchmore Hill			£12,128	£15,161	£18,515
Total			£373,397	£383,606	£340,355

5. How many books have been disposed of per library branch for each of the last five years.

Library	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Angel Raynham	203	134	94	1,341	1,230
Bowes Road	1,505	1,284	730	1,088	1,924
Bullsmoor	3,672	4,621	1,375	1,300	1,576
Edmonton Green	10,813	7,911	6,237	6,256	11,998
Enfield Highway	3,414	4,939	3,466	2,355	3,166
Enfield Island Village	15	58	793	1,286	1,051
Enfield Mobile	3	264	104	211	750
Enfield Town	15,435	4,388	6,664	4,755	5,385
Fore Street	2,284	3,527	3,376	2,782	4,485
John Jackson	229	1,197	1,410	2,821	2,517
Oakwood	3,766	2,915	2,623	5,812	4,262
Ordnance Road	11,885	5,630	2,013	11,427	1,725
Palmers Green	7,791	5,843	3,884	7,673	9,089
Ponders End	2,606	4,974	1,448	1,890	3,912
Ridge Avenue	6,620	7,007	3,790	3,798	9,658
Southgate Circus	4,861	5,315	3,391	5,447	6,365
Winchmore Hill	2,336	2,545	3,629	3,485	4,420
Total	77,438	62,552	45,027	63,727	73,620

6. How much stock has been sold to the public per library branch for each of the last five years.

The requested information is not available.

7. How much stock has been thrown out per library branch for each of the last five years.

See answer to Question 8. See also answer to Question 5 for annual branch disposal figures.

8. What systems are in place to ensure that only old stock is disposed?

The Library & Museum Service uses the CollectionHQ software application to manage stock in accordance with the Evidence Based Stock Management (EBSM) methodology originally developed by West Lothian Libraries in the mid 1990s. The system identifies items that are worn out or dormant based on stock performance targets set for each library. Library staff then make the decision to transfer, replace or withdraw the identified items.

9. How many un-issued books have been disposed and such been a waste of Council tax payers money?

The requested information is not available. When an item is withdrawn the item record is deleted so no transaction records are available. See also answer to Question 8.

With plans to hand over libraries to volunteer groups as per the library consultation can you please provide details of how stock will be managed in volunteer run libraries:

1. How will stock be transferred from the Council to volunteer groups?

No decision has been taken.

2. Will the cost of stock be considered and volunteer groups asked to purchase the stock?

No decision has been taken.

3. Who will be responsible for the purchase of new stock?

No decision has been taken.

4. What will happen when Council stock is returned to volunteer libraries?

No decision has been taken.

5. Will library fines at volunteer libraries be the same as Council libraries and who will retain the money raised from such fines?

No decision has been taken.

6. With debt recovery in mind will volunteers be given powers to prevent library users borrowing items whilst money is still owed?

No decision has been taken.

7. Will volunteer libraries have access to the same library database and hence access to library user details as Council libraries?

No decision has been taken.

8. What data protection training will volunteers have to undertake so that the Council can be satisfied that volunteers are able to follow data protection principles?

No decision has been taken.

9. Who will be responsible for the protection of library user details in volunteer libraries?

No decision has been taken.