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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Request ID: FOI381981088

Thank you for your request for information relating to Top 10 most popular library books since 2016.

You have requested the following information:

- 1. How many libraries does the local authority maintain?**
- 2. A breakdown of the number of books borrowed between January 1, 2016 to present day (November 29, 2021).**
- 3. A breakdown of the number of books not returned between January 1, 2016 to present day (November 29, 2021).**
- 4. A breakdown of the cost of fines given out for library books not being returned, damaged or lost between January 1, 2016 to present day (November 29, 2021).**
- 5. A breakdown of the top ten borrowed books (by book title and author's name) between January 1 2016 and present day (November 29, 2021).**
- 6. A breakdown of the number of library members for each year between January 1, 2016 to present day (November 29, 2021).**
- 7. A breakdown of the number of books and titles banned by libraries between January 1, 2016 to present day (November 29, 2021).**

Please see the attached document for all responses.

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Yours faithfully

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Question	Response	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
How many libraries does the local authority maintain?						
A breakdown of the number of books borrowed between January 1, 2016 to present day (November 29, 2021).	Figures relate to physical printed books only	848,730	733,285	702,197	660,248	223,314
A breakdown of the number of books not returned between January 1, 2016 to present day (November 29, 2021).	Figures are the difference between items issued and items returned. We do not undertake stock checks so cannot confirm if items have not	31,269	28,105	27,856	25,948	10,772
A breakdown of the cost of fines given out for library books not being returned, damaged or lost between January 1, 2016		£39,420.82	£34,044.73	£29,995.34	£19,122.67	£98.73
A breakdown of the number of library members for each year between January 1, 2016 to present day (November 29, 2021)	Membership Figures can change daily - figures provided are for 31st December 2016 to 2020 and 29th November 2021	75,444	69,917	66,564	63,771	69,847
A breakdown of the number of books and titles banned by libraries between January 1, 2016 to present day (November	The Library Service has not banned any books during this time period.					
A breakdown of the top ten borrowed books (by book title and author's name) between January 1 2016 and present day	We have had two titles recalled by book publishers: The Doughnut of					
	Author	Title	Issues			
	Great Britain.Driver & Vehicle Standards Agency.author.	The official DVSA guide to driving :	1034			
	Rowling, J. K. author.	Harry Potter and the philosopher's stone /	824			
	Kinney, Jeff.	Double down	813			
	Kinney, Jeff, author.	Cabin fever /	747			
	Rowling, J. K. author.	Harry Potter and the chamber of secrets /	646			
	Kinney, Jeff, author.	Hard luck /	634			
	Kinney, Jeff.	Old school	633			
	Kinney, Jeff.	The last straw /	606			
	Wales, Jenny,1949- author.	Life in the United Kingdom.	581			
	Kinney, Jeff, author,	The third wheel /	580			

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364,527

16,353

£2,558.84

70,236