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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Request ID: FOI584539763**

Thank you for your request for information relating to data on public libraries.

You have requested the following information:

**Specifically, under the FOI legislation, I request a list of all public libraries run by your council between 2005 and 2022. Additionally, could you please provide information on dates of opening and closure (with at least year-month precision) if they started or ceased operation over that period. Lastly, could you please provide information on opening and closing hours of the library in that given year?**

**That means the final dataset would have the following columns:**

**Name of the library, address, date of opening, date of closing, opening hours in year 2005, opening hours in year 2006, ... , opening hours in year 2022. If collecting daily opening hours is not possible, annual opening hours are sufficient, too.**

In 2016/17 there were 17 local authority libraries and from 2017/18 to 2021/22 there were 14. Cheylesmore, Earlsdon and Finham Libraries transferred to Community Run ownership in September 2017.

Following careful consideration, the part of the information you requested falls under the exemption(s) in Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.'

The exemption applies as the information is published and publicly available to view by accessing

the websites below, please use the following link:

Coventry Library Contact Details and Opening Times:

<https://librarycatalogue.coventry.gov.uk/our-libraries>

Arts Council England - Basic Dataset for Libraries:

The Libraries Basic Dataset is intended to capture permanent instances of libraries, local history libraries, and archives from 1 April 2010 to 31 December 2022. It is also intended to capture the number of mobile libraries.

It is possible to use this data to gain a national overview of the number of libraries and archives within local authorities in England, and some basic information about them. The data is accurate as of 11 July 2023.

<https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/supporting-arts-museums-and-libraries/supporting-libraries>

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Yours faithfully

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