



REQUEST 18850

1. How many hours in total were your council run public libraries open to the general public (not just people with library cards) in
 - a. 2010
 - b. 2015
 - c. 2020
 - d. 2024
2. How many of these hours were unstaffed in
 - a. 2010
 - b. 2015
 - c. 2020
 - d. 2024
3. How many free weekly library sessions for children under 5 years old (such as rhyme time, baby bounce or story sessions) were provided in your council run public libraries in
 - a. 2010
 - b. 2015
 - c. 2020

RESPONSE

- a. Unable to provide this data as operated by Wigan Leisure Trust which no longer exists.
- b. Unable to provide this data as operated by Wigan Leisure Trust which no longer exists.
- c. All libraries closed in March 2020, re-opened then closed due to second wave of the pandemic with Wigan & Leigh remaining open. Unable to provide accurate hours
- d. 30 hours per week x10 community branches:
 - Ince 40 hours per week
 - Aspull Open 9 hours 30 minutes per week up until W/C 21/10/24 when it opened on Wednesday afternoons - Open 11 hours 30 minutes per week between W/C 21/10/24 until end of 2024.
 - The Grange 16 hours per week
 - Wigan & Leigh central branches 72 hours per week
 - (all of the above excludes bank holidays and Christmas)
- a. Unable to provide this data
- b. Unable to provide this data
- c. Ince branch 40 hours per week
- d. Ince branch 13 hours per week
- a. Unable to provide this data
- b. Unable to provide this data
- c. Unable to provide this data

d. 2024

d. 1,176

4. How many free weekly library sessions for children between the ages of 5-18 (such as board games, homework clubs, reading groups) were provided in your council run public libraries in

- a. 2010
- b. 2015
- c. 2020
- d. 2024

5. How many full-time equivalent library workers were employed by your council in the financial years

- a. 2015/16
- b. 2020/21
- c. 2024/25

- a. Unable to provide this data
- b. Unable to provide this data
- c. Unable to provide this data
- d. 1,292

- a. 2015/16 – Was operated by Wigan Leisure Trust which no longer exists.
- b. 2020/21 – 42.29
- c. 2025/26 – 40.5