



REQUEST 18850

RESPONSE

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

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)

2. How many of these hours were unstaffed in

a. 2010

b. 2015

c. 2020

d. 2024

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

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

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

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

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