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Dear Ms Lines-MacKenzie

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) request for information on Library books

I am writing in response to your official information request received 8 June 2018 regarding information on Library books. Below are the answers to the questions raised.

1. Could I please get this broken down into libraries?

Dunedin Public Libraries includes a main City branch and community libraries at Blueskin Bay, Mosgiel, Port Chalmers, Waikouaiti and South Dunedin, as well as a bookbus service. Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide answers to your questions broken down by individual libraries, as we do not hold this information.

2. Could you please tell me how many times the book was loaned?

These are the most popular titles between 2016 and now are shown in the table below:

2016	Catalog Title	Catalog Author	Item Type	issues
	Even dogs in the wild	Rankin, Ian	adult	246
	Guinness world records		children and adults	236
	Make me	Child, Lee	adult	215
	Stars of fortune	Roberts, Nora	adult	183
	The girl on the train	Hawkins, Paula	adult	177
	The LEGO ideas book: you can build anything!	Lipkowitz, Daniel	children	156
	Personal	Child, Lee	adult	150
	Dark corners	Rendell, Ruth	adult	148
	Rogue lawyer	Grisham, John	adult	142
2017	Night school	Child, Lee	adult	342
	Guinness world records		children and adults	297
	Small great things : a novel	Picoult, Jodi	adult	198
	The whistler	Grisham, John	adult	195
	No middle name: the complete collected short stories	Child, Lee,	adult	192
	Even dogs in the wild	Rankin, Ian,	adult	182
	The girl on the train	Hawkins, Paula	adult	164
	Rather be the devil	Rankin, Ian	adult	164

	Personal	Child, Lee	adult	158
2018	Guinness world records.		children and adults	241
	Night school	Child, Lee	adult	131
	The midnight line	Child, Lee	adult	111
	No middle name: the complete collected short stories	Child, Lee	adult	109
	Year one	Roberts, Nora	adult	80
	Come sundown	Roberts, Nora	adult	79
	Camino Island	Grisham, John	adult	79
	The break	Keyes, Marian	adult	76
	Personal	Child, Lee	adult	72
	The woman in the wood	Pearse, Lesley	adult	72

3. Could I please get this broken into children and adult books?

This information is provided in the table above.

4. How long is the waiting list?

This is very difficult to answer as the number of holds varies greatly. Items are issued for four weeks. An extra copy of a book is added to the collection when there are 7 holds or requests on a title. While we do collect the total numbers of holds per annum, we do not keep statistics for individual items. The length of time a person may wait for an item depends on the number of copies purchased – but also on how long the previous borrower keeps the item.

5. Could you please tell the top five requested books for the same years?

This information is provided in the table above.

6. Could I please get this broken into children and adult books?

This information is provided in the table above.

7. How long is the waiting list?

The answer to this question is provided in question 4.

8. Could you please tell me how many books were taken out from the library for the same years?

Issues	2015/16	2016/17	July 2017-Apr 2018
(all items)	1,409,068	1,297,812	1,031,365

9. Is there a cost to take out the book?

There is a charge for our Hot Picks collections of \$5 per book with a 2-week issue. There are no charges on other books.

10. How many thefts there are of books?

This is a hard question to answer with accuracy. Books go missing and are then returned, sometimes after many months. Books are also damaged and lost. If an item is missing, it is not possible to tell if there was a malicious theft, or if it has simply been misplaced in the library. We currently have 2,671 items that are missing; some may be returned. This figure is for January 2016 to the present.

11. How much it costs the library?

This is a difficult question to answer. If a common trade paperback with 30 or more issues went missing, and we wanted to replace it, the cost would be around \$20. Many missing items are not replaced, some are returned by the original borrower and a fee paid.

Yours sincerely

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Rebecca Murray
Governance Support Officer