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Request for the following data sets from each of three financial years 2007-08, 2011-12 and 2018-19:

Edinburgh Libraries changed Library Management system in 2017. We have no access to data from the previous system unless it was used for reporting at the time.

The total number of books the Council holds and which are available to borrow [in physical form]

2007-08 731,487

2011-12 756,225

2018-19 637,203 (564,441 with Large print included in alternative formats)

The total number of books in alternative formats [such as large print, audio and braille] the Council holds and which are available to borrow [in physical form]

2007-08 36,582 (adult and children's talking book)

2011-12 33,768 (adult and children's talking book)

2018-19 25,634 (adult and Children's audio) & 72,762 (Large Print) Total 98,396

The total number of books borrowed in physical form

2007-08 2,567,903

2011-12 2,492,157

2018-19 1,571,966 (1,530,689 with Large Print Issues included in alternative formats)

The total number of books borrowed in physical form and which are in alternative format

2007-08 173,148 (adult and Children's talking books)

2011-12 113,682 (adult and children's talking books)

2018-19 41,840 (adult and children's talking books) & 41,277 (Large Print)

The total number of active readers/borrowers of physical books – Active borrowers cannot be split between borrowers of physical books and books in alternative formats. For 2007-08 and 2011 -12 cannot identify borrowers of physical books from total.

2007-08 97,444

2011-12 94,638

2018-19 101,098 (Borrowers 59,887)

The total number of active readers/borrowers of physical books in alternative formats

We do not hold this information.

The total number of new books added to the existing stock [physical]

2007-08 102,752

2011-12 107,994

2018-19 62,026

The total number of new books added to existing stock [physical alternative formats]

2007-08 3,818

2011-12 3,043

2018-19 1,761

The cost of all new books added to existing stock [physical]

2007-08 £789,447

2011-12 £737,115

2018-19 £495,076

The cost of all new books added to existing stock [physical alternative formats]

2007-08 £111,757 (talking books)

2011-12 £ 75,826 (talking books)

2018-19 £70,134 (talking books)

Aggregated data gathered from each of the years in question on registered active readers/borrowers and broken down by the protected characteristics set out in the Equality Act 2010:

2018/19 – Data relates to active borrower taken from reports provided by Library Management Supplier. Active borrower count uses last issue (in the last 12 months)

Questions that ask for this information are optional on the membership form.

Sex

Female – 11,656

Male 7,191

Ethnicity

Ethnic origin	No
African(African/Scot/Brit	92
Arab(Arab/Scot/Brit)	18
Bangladeshi (Bangladeshi /Scot/ Brit)	24
Black (Black/Scot/Brit)	3
Caribbean	15
Chinese (Chinese/Scot/Brit	217
Indian (Indian/Scot/Brit)	200
Mixed Multiple Ethnic group	69
other African	10
other Asian	91
Other Caribbean or Black	18
Pakistani (Pakistani/Scot/Brit	179
white gypsy traveller	3
white Irish	223
White other	3863
White Other British	1773
White Polish	202
White Scottish	7329

Age

Age Range	No of active borrowers
0-4	4565
5-11	12204
12-15	2467
16-24	3130
25-44	13,697
45-64	11,087
65-84	9550

84+	1185
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We do not hold information on:

Disability

Sexual orientation

Age

For each of the three years in question, aggregated data which shows a breakdown of the total book borrowing data by each of the protected characteristics

We do not hold this information.

For each of the three years in question, a comparative analysis of active readers/borrowers by protected characteristic against a profile of the population, by protected characteristics, and served by the Council

The Council doesn't collect this information instead uses The NRS (estimates) and Census for our own purposes and can be found here:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/download/13733/localities-profile-search-tool>