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Request for Information: Ref NCC-029996-17
Amount spent on libraries

Thank you for your request for information relating to amount spent on libraries. I can now let you have the following information in response to the questions you raised.

*** What is the amount spent on libraries by the local authority in each year since 2009-10?**

Please refer to the attached document- *Nottinghamshire Libraries FOI-2009-201703.2018.pdf*

*** How many libraries were managed by the local authority in each year since 2009-10**

60 Static Libraries in each year since 2009/10. Please note the statutory responsibility for library provision remains with NCC. Inspire – Culture Learning Libraries are contracted to deliver library services on behalf of the County Council.

*** How many libraries have been closed or cancelled because of cuts to budgets in each year since 2009-10? None**

*** How many libraries jobs were there in each year since 2009-10?**

Please refer to the attached document- *Nottinghamshire Libraries FOI-2009-201703.2018.pdf*. (Note this does not include casual/relief staffing).

*** How many libraries have had their opening hours reduced since 2010, and a breakdown of each by how many hours?**

Please refer to the attached document- *Library opening hours Changes 2010-2017 03.2018.pdf*. (Note Selston Library increased from 16.5 hours to 23 hours per week).

*** How many libraries are proposed for closure within the next year? None**

*** How many libraries have been transferred from council control to the control of volunteers in each year since 2009-10?**

All libraries remain part of the County Council's responsibility. None are controlled by volunteers. Volunteers are primary service deliverers in 6 libraries in the period 2015/16 to present.

*** How many unpaid volunteers were assisting with the operation of the library service in each year since 2009-10? Please refer to the attached document- *Nottinghamshire Libraries FOI-2009-201703.2018.pdf***

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We hope this now satisfies your request, and should you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me directly using the contact details below. In addition and for future reference Nottinghamshire County Council regularly publish previous Freedom of Information Requests and answers on our website, under Disclosure logs, available at the following link:

<http://site.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/democracy/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/>

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