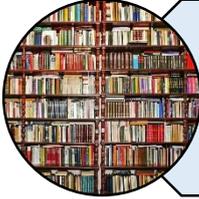


Library Benchmarking Summary Sheet



Cardiff has the highest number of book issues per 1,000 population with 4,468 compared to all other core cities.



Cardiff has the 2nd highest number of visits for library purposes compared to other core cities with 5,912 per 1000 population.



A Cardiff resident is twice as likely to take out a library book than someone from cities such as Nottingham, Newcastle and Manchester



Cardiff has had a steady number of visitors to its website throughout the last 4 years, whereas other cities have experienced vast increases and decreases



Although Cardiff has a low quantity of book stock compared to other core cities, it has a high lending stock, showing that the books we hold are mainly books to support the literacy agenda as opposed to a reference material



Cardiff has a relatively low number of volunteers working in the library with 31, this is significantly lower than other cities including Manchester and Nottingham that have 270 and 175 respectively.