

# Library News

## How did Stockton Borough Libraries perform against the Public Library Standards?

In the table below all the standards that have been met are shown in green, while any standard that has not been met is shown in black.

Public Library Standard	Standard	2007/08	2008/09
Proportion of households living within specified distance of a static library (1 mile)	88%	88%	88%
Aggregate scheduled opening hours per 1,000 population for all libraries	128	151	145
% of static libraries providing access to electronic resources connected to the internet	100%	100%	100%
Total number of electronic workstations available to users per 10,000 population	6	6	6
% of requests for books met within 7 days	50%	71%	58%
% of requests for books met within 15 days	70%	80%	72%
% of requests for books met within 30 days	85%	91%	84%
Number of library visits per 1,000 population	6,300	5,036	4,847
% of library users 16 and over who view their library service as "very good" or "Good"	94%	95%	95%
% of library users under 16 who view the library service as "good"	87%	86%	86%
Annual items added through purchase per 1,000 population	216	227	199
Time taken to replenish the lending stock on open access or available on loan	6.7	5.9	6.7

## How did Stockton Borough Libraries perform compared to other authorities?

In the table below the Public Library Standard returns for SBC Libraries are compared against the other 45 English Unitary Authorities. To show how the authority performed the upper quartile for that group of authorities is shown, as well as SBC's rank within that group.

Please Note - Comparisons can only be made against the 2007/08 returns at this moment in time.

Public Library Standard	SBC's Return	Upper Quartile	SBC's Rank
Proportion of households living within specified distance of a static library (1 mile)	88%	92%	23
Aggregate scheduled opening hours per 1,000 population for all libraries	151	141	5
% of static libraries providing access to electronic resources connected to the internet	100%	All authorities had a return of 100%	
Total number of electronic workstations available to users per 10,000 population	6	8	28
% of requests for books met within 7 days	71%	70%	10
% of requests for books met within 15 days	80%	82%	20
% of requests for books met within 30 days	91%	92%	14
Number of library visits per 1,000 population	5,036	5,639	21
% of library users 16 and over who view their library service as "very good" or "Good"	95%	95%	5
% of library users under 16 who view the library service as "good"	86%	87%	20
Annual items added through purchase per 1,000 population	227	250	17
Time taken to replenish the lending stock on open access or available on loan	5.9	5.0	26