

# GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA030220-1910

25 February 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information, which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 3 February 2020. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

*The number of libraries closed by the council in 2017.  
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The GLA is London's strategic government and does not operate in the same way as local councils. We are not responsible for libraries, so we do not hold the information you have requested. In London you would need to contact the Borough Councils, including the City of London and City of Westminster: <https://www.london.gov.uk/in-my-area>.

Libraries information from the London Boroughs is reported to The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy CIPFA, but you may need to register / pay to access their data (<https://www.cipfastats.net/>)

Although it does not answer your request in full, you may be interested in some information captured in Jan 2019, published on the London Data Store at <https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/cultural-infrastructure-map>

If you need more information about the role and work of the GLA, please go to our website [www.london.gov.uk](http://www.london.gov.uk)

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA030220-1910.

Yours sincerely

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**Information Governance Officer**

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<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/freedom-information>