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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

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Thank you for your request for information relating to Book Challenges.

You have requested the following information:

The number of book challenges received by Coventry City Council library/libraries for each calendar year between January 2020-August 2026.

A 'book challenge' in this context is defined as a formal complaint from any source requesting that materials be removed from a library because of content or inappropriateness

Please provide the following for each year:

- **The number of challenges received**
- **The title and author of each book challenge**
- **The reason provided for each book challenge**
- **The action taken in response to each book challenge (for example, book removed, book relocated or reclassified or no action taken)**

2020 Nil

2021 - Nil

2022 One.

Five Weeks in a Balloon by Jules Verne.

Reason: Racist Language

Action: Book was moved to a different Library as per complaint request.

2023 - One

Backstairs Billy by Tom Quinn.

Reason: Sexually Explicit Content

Action: Book was moved to a different Library.

2024 Nil.

2025 - Nil.

2026 One

When Kids say they are Trans: A guide for thoughtful parents by Stella O'Malley.

Reason: inappropriate content with potential to cause harm.

Result: Complaint not withheld.

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Yours faithfully

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