

THE BORROWING HABITS OF THE NATION



UK Library Chart Toppers 2010/11

Most Borrowed Author

James Patterson

Most Borrowed Children's Author

Daisy Meadows

"The Millionaires"

Five authors clocked up over 1 million loans in 2010-2011:

1. James Patterson
2. Daisy Meadows
3. Nora Roberts
4. Jacqueline Wilson
5. Francesca Simon

5 Authors "On The Up"

Adam Blade (11th from 43rd last year)
Fiona Watt (13th from 24th last year)
David Baldacci (33rd from 47th last year)
Karen Rose (49th from 99th last year)
Lesley Pearse (56th from 72nd last year)

Most Borrowed Titles

1. *The Lost Symbol* by Dan Brown
2. *61 Hours* by Lee Child
3. *Private* by James Patterson
4. *9th Judgement* by James Patterson
5. *Worst Case* by James Patterson

Authors With the Most Appearances in the Top 100 Most Borrowed Titles List

James Patterson (17)
Lee Child (5)
Stieg Larsson (4)
Michael Connelly (4)
David Baldacci (4)
Danielle Steel (3)
Martina Cole (3)
Maeve Binchy (3)

Most Borrowed Non-Fiction Titles

1. *At Home: An Informal History of Private Life* by Bill Bryson
2. *At My Mother's Knee* by Paul O'Grady
3. *The Devil Rides Out* by Paul O'Grady
4. *Eat, Pray, Love: One Woman's Search for Everything* by Elizabeth Gilbert
5. *A Journey* by Tony Blair

Most Borrowed Children's Titles

1. *The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson (illus Axel Scheffler)
2. *Aliens Love Underpants!* by Claire Freedman & Ben Cort
3. *Horrid Henry and the Abominable Snowman* by Francesca Simon (illus Tony Ross)
4. *Horrid Henry and the Football Fiend* by Francesca Simon (illus Tony Ross)
5. *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen (illus Helen Oxenbury)

Most Borrowed "Classic" Authors (last year's positions in brackets)

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| 1. Roald Dahl (1) | 6. Charles Dickens (5) |
| 2. Enid Blyton (2) | 7. Jane Austen (7) |
| 3. Agatha Christie (3) | 8. Daphne Du Maurier (8) |
| 4. Georgette Heyer (4) | 9. Beatrix Potter (9) |
| 5. PG Wodehouse (6) | |

All the above would have earned the maximum possible PLR payment of £6,600 for 2010/11, had they been alive.

Most Borrowed Novels by Charles Dickens

1. *Great Expectations*
2. *A Tale of Two Cities*
3. *Little Dorrit*
4. *A Christmas Carol and Other Christmas Writings*
5. *Oliver Twist*

Most Borrowed History Book

At Home: An Informal History of Private Life by Bill Bryson

Most Borrowed Biography

At my Mother's Knee by Paul O'Grady

Most Borrowed Travel Book

Eat Pray Love: One Woman's Guide to Everything by Elizabeth Gilbert

Most Borrowed Cookery Book

Jamie's 30-Minute Meals by Jamie Oliver

Most Borrowed Fitness and Diet Book

Cook Yourself Thin by Harry Eastwood

Most Borrowed Holiday Guide

The Rough Guide to Wales by Catherine Le Nevez, Paul Whitfield, Mike Parker

Most Borrowed Gardening Book

Grow Your Own Veg by Carol Klein

Most Borrowed Household Hints Book

The Perfect Christmas by Anthea Turner

Most Borrowed Popular Science Book

The God Delusion by Richard Dawkins

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