



THE BORROWING HABITS OF THE NATION

UK Library Chart Toppers 2014/15

Most borrowed author

James Patterson

Most borrowed children's author

Julia Donaldson

Most borrowed non-fiction author

Mary Berry

Most borrowed classic author

Roald Dahl

"The millionaires"

Four authors clocked up over 1 million loans in 2014-2015:

1. James Patterson
2. Julia Donaldson
3. Daisy Meadows
4. Francesca Simon

10 authors "on the up"

Roderick Hunt	(14 th from 30 th last year)
Holly Webb	(32 nd from 41 st last year)
Peter James	(36 th from 56 th last year)
David Walliams	(41 st from 74 th last year)
Valerie Thomas	(44 th from 67 th last year)
Carole Matthews	(45 th from 68 th last year)
Anne Cleeves	(55 th from 93 rd last year)
J K Rowling	(58 th from 73 rd last year)
Liz Pichon	(64 th from 160 th last year)
Santa Montefiore	(76 th from 141 st last year)

Most borrowed titles

1. *Personal* by Lee Child
2. *Never Go Back* by Lee Child
3. *Abattoir Blues* by Peter Robinson
4. *The Silkworm* by Robert Galbraith
5. *Invisible* by James Patterson

Authors with the most appearances in the Top 100 most borrowed titles list

James Patterson (10)	Lee Child (3)
Jeff Kinney (7)	John Grisham (3)
David Walliams (5)	Michael Connelly (3)
Liz Pichon (4)	Jo Nesbo (3)

Most borrowed non-fiction titles (adult)

1. *Save with Jamie: Shop Smart, Cook Clever, Waste Less* by Jamie Oliver
2. *The Official DSA Theory Test for Car Drivers* by Driving Standards Agency
3. *A Girl Called Jack: 100 Delicious Budget Recipes* by Jack Monroe
4. *Feel the Fear and do it Anyway* by Susan J Jeffers
5. *There's Something I've Been Dying to Tell You* by Linda Bellingham

Most borrowed children's titles

1. *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* by Jeff Kinney
2. *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever* by Jeff Kinney
3. *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw* by Jeff Kinney
4. *The Brilliant World of Tom Gates* by Liz Pichon
5. *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days* by Jeff Kinney

Most borrowed "classic" authors (last year's positions in brackets)

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| 1. Roald Dahl (1) | 4. Beatrix Potter (5) |
| 2. Enid Blyton (2) | 5. Georgette Heyer (4) |
| 3. Agatha Christie (3) | 6. Charles Dickens (6) |

All the above could have earned the maximum possible PLR payment of £6,600 for 2014/15, had they been alive.

Most borrowed novels by Agatha Christie

1. *Hercule Poirot and the Greenshore Folly*
2. *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd*
3. *And Then There Were None*
4. *After the Funeral*
5. *Hercule Poirot's Christmas*

Most borrowed audio titles

1. *Without a Trace* by Lesley Pearce, read by Emma Powell
2. *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* by J K Rowling, read by Stephen Fry
3. *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* by J K Rowling, read by Stephen Fry
4. *Demon Dentist* by David Walliams, read by David Walliams
5. *The Cuckoo's Calling* by Robert Galbraith, read by Robert Glenister

Most borrowed biography

There's Something I've Been Dying to Tell You by Linda Bellingham

Most borrowed religion and beliefs book

The God Delusion by Richard Dawkins

Most borrowed poetry book

You Made Me Late Again by Pam Ayres

Most borrowed history book

One Summer: America 1927 by Bill Bryson

Most borrowed mind, body & spirit book

The Secret by Rhonda Byrne

Most borrowed astronomy, space and time book

A Brief History of Time by Stephen Hawking

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