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## 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 <sup>th</sup> from 30 <sup>th</sup> last year)
Holly Webb	(31 <sup>st</sup> from 41 <sup>st</sup> last year)
Peter James	(38 <sup>th</sup> from 56 <sup>th</sup> last year)
David Walliams	(39 <sup>th</sup> from 74 <sup>th</sup> last year)
Valerie Thomas	(42 <sup>nd</sup> from 67 <sup>th</sup> last year)
Carole Matthews	(45 <sup>th</sup> from 68 <sup>th</sup> last year)
J K Rowling	(51 <sup>st</sup> from 73 <sup>rd</sup> last year)
Anne Cleeves	(58 <sup>th</sup> from 93 <sup>rd</sup> last year)
Liz Pichon	(61 <sup>st</sup> from 160 <sup>th</sup> last year)
Santa Montefiore	(78 <sup>th</sup> from 141 <sup>st</sup> last year)

#### Most borrowed titles

1. *Personal* by Lee Child
2. *Never Go Back* by Lee Child
3. *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn
4. *The Silkworm* by Robert Galbraith
5. *Abbattoir Blues* by Peter Robinson

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

Jeff Kinney (9)	Lee Child (3)
James Patterson (9)	John Grisham (3)
David Walliams (6)	Michael Connelly (3)
Liz Pichon (5)	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. *Life in the United Kingdom: A Guide for New Residents* by Great Britain: Home Office
4. *Feel the Fear and do it Anyway* by Susan J Jeffers
5. *A Girl Called Jack: 100 Delicious Budget Recipes* by Jack Monroe

**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. *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days* by Jeff Kinney
5. *The Brilliant World of Tom Gates* by Liz Pichon

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

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Roald Dahl (1)      | 5. Georgette Heyer (4) |
| 2. Enid Blyton (2)     | 6. Charles Dickens (6) |
| 3. Agatha Christie (3) | 7. P G Wodehouse (8)   |
| 4. Beatrix Potter (5)  |                        |

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

**Most borrowed audio titles**

1. *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* by J K Rowling, read by Stephen Fry
2. *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* by J K Rowling, read by Stephen Fry
3. *Demon Dentist* by David Walliams, read by David Walliams
4. *The Cuckoo's Calling* by Robert Galbraith, read by Robert Glenister
5. *Demon Dentist* by David Walliams, read by David Walliams

**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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