

UK LIBRARY CHART TOPPERS 2017/2018

The most borrowed habits of the Nation

Most borrowed author (Adult and Children's combined)

(2016 - 2017 position in brackets)

James Patterson (1)

Most borrowed adult author

James Patterson (1)

Most borrowed children's author

Daisy Meadows (3)

5 authors 'on the up'

Michelle Robinson	(86 th from 135 th last year)
Mark Sperring	(100 th from 128 th last year)
Dav Pilkey	(56 th from 100 th last year)
Anthony Horowitz	(66 th from 90 th last year)
Sue Hendra	(54 th from 78 th last year)

Most borrowed titles (Adult and Children's combined)

- 1) *Night School : (JackReacher 21)* - Lee Child
- 2) *The Whistler: The number one bestseller* - John Grisham
- 3) *The Wrong Side of Goodbye* – Michael Connelly
- 4) *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Old School* – Jeff Kinney
- 5) *The Late Show* – Michael Connelly

Most borrowed (Adult titles)

- 1) *Night School : (JackReacher 21)* - Lee Child
- 2) *The Whistler: The number one bestseller* - John Grisham
- 3) *The Wrong Side of Goodbye* – Michael Connelly
- 4) *The Late Show* – Michael Connelly
- 5) *Camino Island* – John Grisham

Most borrowed (Children's titles)

- 1) *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Old School* – Jeff Kinney
- 2) *Grandpa's Great Escape* – David Walliams
- 3) *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Double Down (Diary of a Wimpy Kid Book 11)* – Jeff Kinney
- 4) *The Long Haul (Diary of a Wimpy Kid Book 9)* – Jeff Kinney
- 5) *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* – J K Rowling

Most borrowed Audio titles

- 1) *Gangsta Granny* by David Walliams
- 2) *Demon Dentist* by David Walliams
- 3) *Awful Auntie* by David Walliams
- 4) *Grandpa's great escape* by David Walliams
- 5) *Billionaire Boy* by David Walliams

***Most borrowed Travel book**

- 1) *The Road to Little Dribbling : More notes from a Small Island* – Bill Bryson
- 2) *Lonely Planet Spain* – Lonely Planet
- 3) *Lonely Planet Portugal* - Lonely Planet
- 4) *Lonely Planet Italy* - Lonely Planet
- 5) *Lonely Planet France* - Lonely Planet

*** Results are based on the most borrowed Titles that have been catalogued under the Dewey Decimal System under the heading of 'Geography and Travel)**

***Most Borrowed Sports book**

- 1) *Football Record Breakers* – Clive Gifford
- 2) *Knowing the score: my Family and our tennis story* – Judy Murray
- 3) *Guy Martin worms to catch* – Guy Martin
- 4) *The cyclist who went out in the cold: Adventures along the Iron Curtain Trail* - Tim Moore
- 5) *The January Man: A Year of Walking Britain* – Christopher Sommerville

***Results are based on all titles matched to a catalogue record with Dewey Decimal System category of 'Aquatic and Air Sports', 'Athletic & Outdoor Sports and Games', 'Equestrian sports and animal racing' or 'Sports, games & entertainment'. Titles which were catalogued under these headings, but that were not sport-related have been removed.**

***Most Borrowed Mindfulness book**

- 1) *A Mindfulness Guide for the Frazzled* – Ruby Wax
- 2) *Mindfulness: a practical Guide to finding peace in a frantic world* – Mark Williams
- 3) *Mindfulness for Health: a Practical Guide to relieving pain, reducing stress and restoring wellbeing* – Danny Penman
- 4) *Mindfulness for Life: A six week Guide to inner peace* – Oli Doyle
- 5) *Mindfulness in eight weeks: The revolutionary 8 week plan to clear your mind and calm your life* – Michael Chaskalson

***Results are based on the most borrowed titles with the words 'wellness', 'wellbeing', 'mindfulness' or 'mental health' in the Title. (There is no specific category for this in Dewey system)**

The PLR office is happy for the information in this release to be made widely accessible, but would appreciate PLR's role in compiling it to be acknowledged in any use it is put to.

PLR cannot be held responsible for errors or omissions in bibliographic or loans information supplied by libraries or other agencies or for incorrect information supplied by applicants.

Editors' Notes

1. PLR is funded by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) and is run by the British Library from its site at Boston Spa, West Yorkshire. This year PLR distributed £6 million to 22,314 authors at a Rate Per Loan of 8.52 pence. Since its inception in 1979, PLR has distributed over £172million to authors. PLR funding is currently set at £6.6m up to 2019.
2. Authors are eligible for payment if their PLR earnings reach a minimum of £1. There is a maximum payment threshold of £6,600 for the top-lending authors. This year, 297 authors received the maximum payment.
3. The Digital Economy Bill 2017 extended UK Public Lending Right legislation to include remote loans of ebooks from public libraries in England, Scotland and Wales. The collection of remote ebook loans data came into effect on 1 July 2018. Payments arising from the newly eligible loans will be made in February 2020.
4. British authors qualify for payment from a number of other European PLR systems. These include the Irish PLR system which is administered through the UK PLR office on behalf of the Irish government. Payments to UK authors from PLR systems in countries such as France, Germany, Austria and the Netherlands are distributed by the Authors' Licensing & Collecting Society (ALCS).
5. PLR cannot be held responsible for errors or omissions in bibliographic or loans information supplied by libraries or other agencies or for incorrect information supplied by applicants.
6. For all the latest news follow PLR on Twitter @PLR_UK.

Media Contacts

Julia Eccleshare: 0207 412 7275 / 07824 350 481 or julia.eccleshare@bl.uk
Janis Black 01937 882319 or janis.black@bl.uk