

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY?

The latest annual data released today by Public Lending Right (PLR) shows the most borrowed books and fascinating variations in lending in libraries across the UK during 2017 -18.

Top 10 most borrowed 'Sport and Recreation' specific titles* in 2017-2018 (nationally and regionally)

*These results are based on all titles matched to a catalogue record with Dewey decimal system category of 'Aquatic and air sports', 'Athletic and outdoor sports and games', 'Equestrian sports and animal racing' or 'Sports, games and entertainment'. Titles which were catalogued under these headings, but that were not sport related have been removed.

Nationally

Position	Title and Author (if known)
1	<i>Football Record Breakers</i> - Clive Gifford
2	<i>Knowing the Score: my family and our tennis story</i> - Judy Murray
3	<i>Guy Martin worms to catch</i> - Guy Martin
4	<i>The Cyclist who went out in the cold: Adventures Along the Iron Curtain Trail</i> -Tim Moore
5	<i>The January man: A Year of walking Britain</i> - Christopher Sommerville
6	<i>Planet Football: Greatest Players</i>
7	<i>A life in Football: My autobiography</i> - Ian Wright
8	<i>But Seriously: An Autobiography</i> - John McEnroe
9	<i>Guy Martin When You Dead You Dead</i> -Guy Martin
10	<i>Horrid Henry's Sports: a Horrid Fact book</i> -Francesca Simon

East Midlands

Position	Title and Author (if known)
1	<i>Peak District boundary walk: 190 miles around the edge of the national park</i>
2	<i>Cycling in the peak district: 21 routes in and around the edge-</i> Chiz Dakin
3	<i>Peak District 2016: outstanding circular walks</i> - Dennis Kelsa
4	<i>Dark Peak walks: 40 walks exploring the Peak District gritstone and moorland landscapes</i> –Paul Besley
5	<i>50 Walks in Peak District</i>
6	<i>Countryside dog walks: Peak District South:20 Graded walks with no stiles for your dogs</i> - White Peak area - Gilly Seddon
7	<i>Waterside walks in the Peak District</i> - Keith Stevens
8	<i>Derbyshire History Walks</i> - Jill Armitage
9	<i>Discovery Celtic Derbyshire: 25 walks</i> - Jill Armitage
10	<i>Football School Season 1: Where Football explains the World</i> -Alex Bellos

London

Position	Title and Author (if known)
1	<i>The Rough Guide to Walks in London & Southeast</i> - Helena Smith
2	<i>A Life in Football: My Autobiography</i> - Ian Wright
2	<i>The Cyclist who went out in the cold: Adventures Along the Iron Curtain Trail</i> -Tim Moore
4	<i>The January man: A Year of walking Britain</i> - Christopher Sommerville
5	<i>But Seriously: An Autobiography</i> - John McEnroe
5	<i>Iron Ambition: lessons I've learned from the man who made me a champion</i> - Mike Tyson
7	<i>Leading-</i> Alex Ferguson
8	<i>Alex Ferguson My autobiography</i> -(Alex Ferguson
9	<i>The London Loop : recreational Path Guide</i> - Colin Saunders
10	<i>Walking London's parks and gardens: twenty four original walks around the London's parks and gardens</i> - Geoffrey Young

Eastern

Position	Title and Author (if known)
1	<i>Football Record Breakers</i> - Clive Gifford
2	<i>Planet Football: Greatest Players</i>
3	<i>Horrid Henry's Sports: a Horrid Factbook</i> -Francesca Simon
4	<i>Bear Grylls World Adventure Survival Camp</i> -Bear Grylls
5	<i>Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire 2016: outstanding circular walks</i> -Deborah King
6	<i>Footballers</i> -Tracey Turner
7	<i>Ronaldo : from the playground to the pitch</i> -Matt Oldfield
8	<i>25 new walks in and around Hertfordshire – John A Vaughan</i>
9	<i>The Hertfordshire Way: a Walker's guide</i>
10	<i>First Sport Football</i> -James Nixon

North East

Position	Title and Author (if known)
1	<i>No Nonsense: The autobiography</i> -Joey Barton
2	<i>But Seriously: An Autobiography</i> - John McEnroe
3	<i>Guy Martin worms to catch</i> - Guy Martin
4	<i>Football School Season 1: Where Football explains the World</i> -Alex Bellos
5	<i>Leading</i> -Alex Ferguson
6	<i>Tunnel of Love: Football, Fighting and failure Newcastle United after the entertainers</i> - Martin Hardy
7	<i>Guy Martin My Autobiography</i> - Guy Martin
8	<i>Sports Pilates: Pilates workouts for performance strength and injury prevention</i> - Paul Massey
9	<i>A Life in Football: My Autobiography</i> - Ian Wright
10	<i>Terry Mac Living for the moment: My autobiography</i> - Terry McDermott

North West

Position	Title and Author (if known)
1	<i>The Cyclist who went out in the cold: Adventures Along the Iron Curtain Trail</i> -Tim Moore
2	<i>The January man: A Year of walking Britain</i> - Christopher Sommerville
3	<i>Guy Martin worms to catch</i> - Guy Martin
4	<i>Sir Matt Busby: the definitive biography</i> - Patrick Barclay
5	<i>Knowing the Score: my family and our tennis story</i> - Judy Murray
6	<i>Family Walks in East Cheshire and pub lunches</i> - Jean Warham
7	<i>Triumphs and Turbulence</i> - Chris Boardman
8	<i>How to win: lessons from the Premier league</i> - Anon
9	<i>Guy Martin When You Dead You Dead</i> - Guy Martin
10	<i>An infographic Guide to Football</i>

South East

Position	Title and Author (if known)
1	<i>Football Record Breakers</i> - Clive Gifford
2	<i>Horrid Henry's Sports: a Horrid Factbook</i> -Francesca Simon
3	<i>Guy Martin When You Dead You Dead</i> - Guy Martin
4	<i>Guy Martin worms to catch</i> - Guy Martin
5	<i>How to be a WWE superstar</i>
6	<i>The January man: A Year of walking Britain</i> - Christopher Sommerville
7	<i>Where am I? My autobiography</i> -Phil Tufnell
8	<i>The Cyclist who went out in the cold: Adventures Along the Iron Curtain Trail</i> -Tim Moore
9	<i>The Kingfisher Football Encyclopedia</i> - Clive Gifford
10	<i>Leading-</i> Alex Ferguson

South West

Position	Title and Author (if known)
1	<i>Football Crazy: Crackers Kits, Hideous Hairdos and Freaky Fouls!</i> - Simon Mugford
2	<i>But Seriously: An Autobiography</i> - John McEnroe
3	<i>Knowing the Score: my family and our tennis story</i> - Judy Murray
4	<i>Match Incredible stats and facts</i> -Match
5	<i>Match! Joke Book</i>
6	<i>Planet Football Greatest players</i>
7	<i>Football Record Breakers</i> - Clive Gifford
8	<i>Football number crunch: figures facts and soccer stats - the world football in numbers</i> -Kevin Pettman
9	<i>Dorset 2017</i> - Dennis Kelsall
10	<i>Horrid Henry's Sports : A Horrid Factbook</i> - SimonFrancesca

West Midlands

Position	Title and Author (if known)
1	<i>Worcestershire and Hertfordshire: 50 walks of 2-10 miles</i> - Nick Reynolds
2	<i>Research methods for sports studies</i> - Chris Gratton
3	<i>Sport Psychology: Concepts and applications (Intl ed)</i> – Richard H Cox
4	<i>Foundations of sport and exercise psychology</i> - RobertS Weinberg
5	<i>Research methods for sports studies: third Edition</i> – Robyn L Jones
6	<i>An Introduction to Sports Coaching: Connecting Theory to Practice</i> – Robyn L Jones
6	<i>Knowing the Score: my family and our tennis story</i> - Judy Murray
8	<i>Learning in Sports Coaching: Theory and Application</i> - Lee Nelson
9	<i>High Performance Disability Sport Coaching</i> - Geoffrey Z Kohe
10	<i>The Cyclist who went out in the cold: Adventures along the iron curtain trail</i> -Tim Moore

Yorkshire and the Humber

Position	Title and Author (if known)
1	<i>A Life in football: my autobiography</i> -Ian Wright
2	<i>Guy Martin worms to catch</i> - Guy Martin
3	<i>Knowing the Score: my family and our tennis story</i> - Judy Murray
4	<i>Football Crazy: Crackers Kits, Hideous Hairdos and Freaky Fouls!</i> - Simon Mugford
5	<i>Sober: Football my story my life</i> -Tony Adams
6	<i>Muhammad Ali: A memoir</i> -Michael Parkinson
7	<i>It shouldn't happen to a Manager</i> - Harry Redknapp
7	<i>Jamie Vardy From nowhere: my story</i> - Jamie Vardy
9	<i>Football Record Breakers</i> - Clive Gifford
10	<i>A Clear Blue Sky: A remarkable memoir about family, loss and the will to overcome</i> - Jonny Bairstow

Northern Ireland

Position	Title and Author (if known)
1	<i>Match Annual 2018</i>
2	<i>The Official Manchester United Annual 2018</i>
3	<i>The Oficial Liverpool FC Annual 2018</i>
4	<i>Football Record Breakers</i> - Clive Gifford
5	<i>Match Incredible stats and facts</i> - Match
6	<i>Football School Season 1: Where Football explains the World</i> -Alex Bellos
7	<i>World Rugby Records</i> - Chris Hawkins
8	<i>Strange but true! Football</i> -Paul Mason
9	<i>Where Football saves the world</i> - Spike Gerrell
10	<i>Football number crunch: figures facts and soccer stats - the world football in numbers</i> -Kevin Pettman

Scotland

Position	Title and Author (if known)
1	<i>Knowing the Score: my family and our tennis story</i> - Judy Murray
2	<i>Football Record Breakers</i> - Clive Gifford
3	<i>Graeme Souness - Football My Life, my passion</i> - Graeme Souness
4	<i>Planet Football Greatest players</i>
5	<i>But Seriously: An Autobiography</i> -John McEnroe
6	<i>Bear Grylls World Adventure Survival Camp</i> - Bear Grylls
7	<i>Alex Ferguson My Autobiography</i> - Alex Ferguson
8	<i>Leading</i> - Alex Ferguson
9	<i>Jenson Button: Life to the limit: my autobiography</i> - Jenson Button
10	<i>No Nonsense: The autobiography</i> -Joey Barton

Wales

Position	Title and Author (if known)
1	<i>Knowing the Score: my family and our tennis story</i> - Judy Murray
2	<i>The January man: A Year of walking Britain</i> -Christopher Sommerville
3	<i>Grand Slam man</i> - Dan Lydiate
4	<i>Guy Martin worms to catch</i> - Guy Martin
5	<i>But Seriously: An Autobiography</i> -John McEnroe
6	<i>The Wales coastal path: Llwybr Arfordir Cymru</i> - Paddy Dillon
7	<i>Sporting Skills: Football</i> -Clive Gifford)
8	<i>An infographic Guide to Football</i>
9	<i>Bale from the playground to the pitch</i> - Matt Oldfield
10	<i>Code Black: Winter of storm surfing</i> -Tom Anderson

Regional differences

The top book in the UK, in this category for 2017 – 2018 was *Football Record Breakers* by Clive Gifford. This title was top in 2 regions, **Eastern** and **South East** and in the top 10 of 6 of the regions. The Top 10 in the UK covered a variety of different sports including football, tennis, cycling and fishing.

Walking proved to be popular in the **East Midlands** and **London**. On the other hand the preferred sports titles of choice in the **West Midlands** were Sports Psychology and Sports coaching.

In **Scotland** autobiographies by home grown celebrities such as Judy Murray, Alex Ferguson and Graeme Souness proved popular reading. Overall Autobiographies were well borrowed nationally and regionally. In **Wales** they enjoyed a wide variety of sports and recreational books which included football, fishing and surfing.

In **Northern Ireland** football was the sport of choice with football annuals and books with football facts and figures being the most widely borrowed category. Books on football were the titles of choice in the **North East, North West, South West** and **Yorkshire and Humberside**.

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