

THE RATE PER LOAN HAS INCREASED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THREE YEARS TO 6.29 PENCE

How is loans data collected?

We collect loans data from a sample of UK library authorities. We rotate the sample to ensure that authors of books of local and regional interest have a periodic chance of receiving payment. In 2008-09 we brought in 8 new library authorities and collected data from 912 library branches. The most recent figure for total UK loans is 307 million and loans of registered books for 2008-09 were 133 million.

Details of the authorities which participated in the PLR sample during 2008-09 are available on the PLR website www.plr.uk.com under Library Information or on request from the PLR office.

How are payments calculated?

We divide the total number of grossed-up loans of registered books into the funding available to provide the Rate Per Loan. The calculation takes account of money freed for redistribution by the operation of the minimum (£1) and maximum (£6,600) payment thresholds.

PLR's funding from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport for the financial year 2009-10 is £7.58 million (£7.43 million last year). Of this £6.76 million is available to authors and as a result we are able to increase the Rate Per Loan from last year's level of 5.98 pence to **6.29 pence**.

Payment Distribution

	Feb 2010	Feb 2009
£5,000 - £6,600	362	352
£2,500 - £4,999.99	364	379
£1,000 - £2,499.99	850	784
£500 - £999.99	962	932
£100 - £499.99	3,423	3,507
£1 - £99.99	17,280	17,819
Total Recipients	23,241	23,773
Nil or below minimum threshold	14,188	12,158

This year 250 authors' book loans (232 in February 2009) reached the maximum payment threshold.

Dealing with your queries

As January is our busiest time of year, when we deal with large numbers of enquiries, we may take a little longer than usual to respond. Our website www.plr.uk.com contains useful information, in particular our FAQ page. You may find it helpful to refer to this first if you have a query of a general nature.

Green PLR

PLR has a long term vision for sustainability and we are committed to reducing our carbon footprint. We have reduced paper use by only printing essential items, printing double-sided and greater use of email. We now only send paper statements to authors who have not signed up to our online service and are due to receive a payment. We recycle, buy green products and have reduced our energy consumption where possible. Last year our carbon footprint was 17.15 tonnes which was 50% less than the previous year. We aim to reduce this even further this year.

Irish PLR update

We have now copied across personal and book details for authors who provided us with permission for their details to be registered automatically with the Irish PLR scheme. We are unable to accept any further requests to register details on your behalf. Applications must now be made direct to the Irish PLR Office. Further information can be obtained from their website (www.plr.ie) or by telephone (353 1 6761167/6761963).

PLEASE NOTE: Once your details are registered with the Irish PLR office, you will need to apply to register any new titles separately with both the UK and the Irish scheme.

This leaflet is available in Braille or large print on request and is available on our website www.plr.uk.com.





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PLR UK REMINDERS 2010

January

Statements available online on 6th January and posted 2nd class on same day.

Let PLR know in writing by 29th if you have changed your payment details.

February

Payments made between 5-15th. Check bank statement for PLR entry. PLR produces annual media releases on most borrowed authors and titles. See media section of www.plr.uk.com.

March

Don't forget UK authors can apply for PLR payments from Germany, Austria, The Netherlands and France via ALCS (www.alcs.co.uk, tel 020 7264 5700) and for Irish PLR through PLR Ireland (www.plr.ie, tel 353 1 6761167).

April

Do you have any new books to register? Visit the PLR website to register online at www.plr.uk.com or request form from PLR office (tel 01642 604699).

May

e-newsletter to keep you up-to-date on latest developments circulated. Let PLR know if your email address has changed.

June

Books must be registered by 30th to qualify for payment in February 2011.

July

New PLR year starts and library sample is rotated. See www.plr.uk.com for list of current library sample.

August

Take a look at the PLR website www.plr.uk.com to keep up-to-date on latest news.

September

Have you had any new books published over the summer? If so, don't forget to register them. Visit the PLR website to register online at www.plr.uk.com or request form from PLR office (tel 01642 604699).

October

PLR's latest publications are available on the website under Media Centre.

November

Let PLR know of any changes to personal details before the Statements for the PLR year July 2009 - June 2010 are printed next month.

December

Have a look at the PLR website www.plr.uk.com for latest news and Christmas opening hours.