

The Rate Per Loan for this year's payments is 6.25 pence (6.29 pence last year). The lower rate reflects a 3% reduction in funding for all DCMS-sponsored bodies this year and an increase in the number of public library book loans qualifying for PLR.

Because of the reduction in the Rate Per Loan DCMS has extended its normal public consultation period prior to submitting the new Rate for parliamentary approval. As a result PLR statements and payments are being distributed a little later than normal this year.

Future of PLR

At the time of writing we await news of which body is to be given responsibility for PLR following the decision by the government to abolish the present PLR organisation. There will be no change in PLR administration through to 31 March 2011 and we understand that the detailed arrangements involved in the transfer of responsibilities will be worked out during 2011-12.

These changes do not affect PLR's status as the legal right of authors to receive payment for the free lending out of their books by public libraries. The government has confirmed that this will continue and that future PLR funding made available to the new body with responsibility for PLR will be 'ring-fenced'.

Payment Distribution

	Feb 2011	Feb 2010
£5,000 - £6,600	356	362
£2,500 - £4,999.99	366	364
£1,000 - £2,499.99	877	850
£500 - £999.99	938	962
£100 - £499.99	3,649	3,423
£1 - £99.99	17,180	17,280
Total Recipients	23,366	23,241
Nil or below minimum threshold	11,470	14,188

This year 230 authors' book loans (250 in February 2010) reached the maximum payment threshold.

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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 2010-11 is £7.45 million (£7.58 million last year). Of this £6.7 million is available to authors and as a result this year's Rate Per Loan is 6.25 pence.

PLR Funding

Government funding for PLR will be reduced by 15% over the four year period as follows:

2011-12:	£7.22 million
2012-13:	£7.08 million
2013-14:	£6.98 million
2014-15:	£6.96 million

New Online Feature

We have launched a new facility on our online registration service. This provides access to our archive of book loans data. Through this you can find details of book loans for all your registered titles, showing how often they have been borrowed from individual public library authorities in the PLR sample in any year since the early 1990s. If you haven't signed up for our online service yet, you can do so on our website at www.plr.uk.com.

Digital PLR

The government also announced that it will not be extending PLR at this time to ebooks and audio books as enabled by the Digital Economy Act in 2010. Registration, therefore, remains restricted to books which are 'printed and bound'.

How is loans data collected?

We collect loans data from a changing sample of UK library authorities. In 2009-10 we brought in 8 new library authorities. The most recent figure for total UK loans is 309 million and loans of registered books for 2009-10 were 132 million.

Details of the authorities which participated in the PLR sample during 2009-10 are available on the PLR website www.plr.uk.com under Library Information or on request from the PLR office.

Please bear in mind that during busy times of the year (statement and payment distribution, 30 June deadline) it may take us a little longer than usual to respond to queries and answer telephone calls. Our website www.plr.uk.com contains useful information, in particular our FAQ page. You may find it helpful to refer to this if you have a query of a general nature.

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 2011

January

Statements available online or posted (2nd class) towards the end of January. (Check our website www.plr.uk.com for details.)

February

Let PLR know in writing by 9th February if you have changed your payment details. Payments made between 14-24th. (See our website for details of latest position.) 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, France, Belgium and Spain via ALCS (www.alcs.co.uk, tel 020 7264 5700) and for Irish PLR through PLR Ireland (www.plr.ie, tel 00 353 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 2012.

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 2010 - June 2011 are printed next month.

December

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