

UK PLR Rate Per Loan

The Rate Per Loan for this year's UK PLR payments is **7.67 pence** – an increase from last year's figure of 6.66 pence. Government funding for PLR this year is £6.6 million (£6.6 million last year). The increase in the Rate has been possible in part due to the efficiency savings achieved since PLR was transferred to the British Library and also due to a reduction in loans of registered books.

How is UK loans data collected?

We collect loans data from a changing sample of UK public library authorities. This year's payments are based on loans data collected from 36 library authorities across the UK during the year July 2014 – June 2015.

Details of the authorities that participated in the sample during 2014-15 are available on the PLR website www.bl.uk/plr under Library Information or on request from the PLR office.

How are UK PLR 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. £6 million is available for payment to authors. As a result this year's Rate Per Loan is 7.67 pence.

UK PLR Funding

The Chancellor announced the results of the government's spending review on 25 November 2015. As part of this announcement the British Library was informed that PLR has received a 'flat-cash' settlement. Its funding will therefore remain at £6.6m up to 2019.

UK PLR Payment Distribution

	Feb 2016	Feb 2015
£5,000 - £6,600	298	281
£2,500 - £4,999.99	358	359
£1,000 - £2,499.99	828	809
£500 - £999.99	877	879
£100 - £499.99	3,319	3,336
£1 - £99.99	16,667	16,387
Total Recipients	22,347	22,051
Nil or below minimum threshold	17,991	16,996

This year 202 authors (190 in February 2015) reached the maximum payment threshold.

Message from Tom Holland, Chair of PLR Advisory Committee

It is a great honour to be taking over as Chair of the PLR Advisory Committee from Tracy Chevalier, and I will be doing the best I can to measure up to her remarkable record of service. It is always a relief to join an organisation when there is good news coming in, and so naturally I am delighted that the Rate Per Loan this year has gone up. The only downside is that this does reflect a fall in library loans - a trend that helps to remind us all of the vital need to support our local libraries. Having always rather taken PLR for granted, the experience of seeing how it is organised and administered has opened my eyes to how very lucky we authors are to have it. Please do remember to register everything that you are entitled to register - and to alert those who haven't registered at all to what they are missing out on.

Keeping your registrations up-to-date

We collect library loans data using ISBNs. Therefore, when registering titles you should ensure that you include **each edition that is published using a different ISBN**. Hardback, paperback, large print and all formats of audio (eg CD, Cassette, MP3 CD) should each be registered separately. ISBNs can be found via your publisher or by using online bookshops.

Kindle and Amazon Audible editions cannot be registered as they are published using ASINs. Other ebook editions can be registered but they would only earn a payment if loaned on-site and physically taken off library premises (remote lending of ebooks from libraries is not covered by PLR). If you have an online account you can check which editions you have registered and add extra editions. You can log into your online account or apply for one on our website www.bl.uk/plr. (NB: non-print material does not qualify for registration with the Irish PLR scheme and will not be listed on confirmation prints and statements.)

UK & IRISH PLR REMINDERS 2016



My UK PLR No is

My Irish PLR No is

January

UK PLR Statements available online or posted (2nd class) around the middle of January. (Check our website www.bl.uk/plr for details.)

February

UK PLR payments made around the middle of February. (See our website for latest details.)

PLR produces annual media releases on most borrowed UK authors and titles. See media section of www.bl.uk/plr.

March

Don't forget that authors can apply for PLR payments from Germany, Austria, The Netherlands, France and other European countries via ALCS (www.alcs.co.uk, tel +44 (0) 20 7264 5700).

April

Have you synchronised your UK and Irish PLR details? If not, visit our website at www.bl.uk/plr and go to the Registration Service Forms/Leaflets section for more information.

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 30 June to qualify for payment in February 2017 for UK PLR, and December 2016 for Irish PLR.

July

New UK PLR year starts and library sample is rotated. See www.bl.uk/plr for details of current library sample.

August

Take a look at the PLR website www.bl.uk/plr 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.bl.uk/plr or request a form from the PLR office (tel +44 (0) 1642 604699).

October

Make sure your personal details are up-to-date before the statements are printed.

November

Irish PLR statements available online or posted (2nd class) around the middle of November.

December

Irish PLR payments made around the middle of December. Have a look at the PLR website www.bl.uk/plr for latest news and Christmas opening hours.

December e-newsletter circulated.



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