

UK PLR Rate Per Loan

The Rate Per Loan for this year's UK PLR payments is **8.20 pence** – an increase from last year's figure of 7.82 pence. Government funding for PLR this year is £6.6 million (£6.6 million last year).

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 32 library authorities across the UK during the year July 2016 – June 2017.

Details of the authorities that participated in the sample during 2016-17 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 8.20 pence.

UK PLR Funding

The Chancellor announced the results of the government's spending review in 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 2018	Feb 2017
£5,000 - £6,600	294	305
£2,500 - £4,999.99	382	356
£1,000 - £2,499.99	760	792
£500 - £999.99	829	863
£100 - £499.99	3,271	3,232
£1 - £99.99	16,572	16,654
Total Recipients	22,108	22,202
Nil or below minimum threshold	20,953	19,548

This year 195 authors (205 in February 2017) reached the maximum payment threshold.

Update on the PLR service review

Thank you to those who provided feedback last summer on our proposed changes to the PLR service and how it will be delivered. Taking into account the responses we received the plan is to transfer operations from Stockton-on-Tees to Boston Spa gradually over two years, completing by March 2020. The first phase of the migration strategy is to recruit a new PLR team by January 2018 who will work in parallel with their Stockton colleagues until operations fully migrate to the Boston Spa site. Our aim is to make efficiency savings by relocating PLR operations to sit alongside other corporate functions and to implement a new IT application taking advantage of new technology which, as well as adding new functionality, will support modernisation.

We will continue to provide updates so please keep a close eye on our News Stories section on the PLR web pages www.bl.uk/plr.

Andy Appleyard, British Library Head of Operations, North

Are you missing out on PLR earnings?

Each edition that is published using a different ISBN can potentially generate PLR earnings. It is therefore important to register all your new titles and new editions, including audio-books (UK PLR only), to make sure that you don't lose out on loans and PLR payments.

Further details of eligible material and how you can register are available on our website www.bl.uk.com/plr.

UK & IRISH PLR REMINDERS 2018



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 2019 for UK PLR, and December 2018 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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