



Public Libraries' Chart Toppers 2004 - 2005

At Number One in the UK

- overall top lending author – Jacqueline Wilson
- top lending children's author - Jacqueline Wilson
- overall top lending title – Patricia Cornwell's *Blow Fly*
- top lending adult fiction title – Patricia Cornwell's *Blow Fly*
- top lending children's fiction title – J K Rowling's *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*
- top lending classic author – Georgette Heyer
(ahead of J R R Tolkien, Beatrix Potter and C S Lewis)
- top lending non-fiction title – Bill Bryson's *A Short History of Nearly Everything*
(ahead of Gillian McKeith (*You are What You Eat*), Paul Burrell (*A Royal Duty*) and Sheila Hancock (*The Two of Us: My Life with John Thaw*)).

Number One Lending Titles by Genre

- Cookery
Jamie's Dinners by Jamie Oliver
- Sport Biography
White Cap and Bails by Dickie Bird
- Performing Arts - TV
The Two of Us: My Life with John Thaw by Sheila Hancock
- Film, TV and Music Biography
Being Jordan by Katie Price [ie Jordan]
- Travel Book
Down Under by Bill Bryson
- Travel/Holiday Guide
The Rough Guide to France by Mark Dubin et al
- Historical Biography/Autobiography
Samuel Pepys: the Unequalled Self by Claire Tomalin
- Adult Poetry
The Nation's Favourite Comic Poems - foreword and edited by Griff Rhys Jones

Public Libraries are as popular as ever with children and young people

3 children's writers* are among the 6 authors who clocked up over 1 million loans in 2004-2005:

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| 1. Jacqueline Wilson * | 4. James Patterson |
| 2. Josephine Cox | 5. Mick Inkpen * |
| 3. Danielle Steel | 6. Janet & Allan Ahlberg * |

How much would the UK's top lending 'classic' writers have earned?

Six of our classic authors would have earned the maximum payment of £6,000 if they were still alive:

- Georgette Heyer
- J R R Tolkien
- Beatrix Potter
- C S Lewis
- A A Milne
- Charles Dickens

About Public Lending Right

- The PLR scheme has distributed over £95 million to authors since its inception. £6.59 million will be paid out in February 2006 for book loans over the period July 2004 - June 2005.
- European authors will qualify for payment from the UK scheme for the fifth time in 2006. The Scheme has been extended beyond the UK to help encourage the spread of the PLR principle and to encourage the development of reciprocal arrangements with other PLR countries. The extended scheme opens PLR to British authors resident everywhere in the EU, as well as to other European writers whose books are borrowed from British libraries. In this fifth year of payments Irish authors are the principal beneficiaries.

Where does the money go? Geographical Breakdown of PLR Payments February 2006

The following table shows the percentage of payments made by PLR to the different regions

	Percentage
<u>UK</u>	
South East	23.80%
London	19.26%
South West	13.21%
Eastern	11.20%
Scotland	5.56%
Yorkshire & Humberside	5.46%
North West	5.09%
East Midlands	3.67%
West Midlands	3.52%
Wales	2.24%
North East	1.95%
Northern Ireland	0.61%
OUTSIDE UK	4.43%

TOTAL	100%

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