

Rate Per Loan

The Rate Per Loan for this year's payments is 6.05 pence (6.25 pence last year). The lower rate reflects a reduction in PLR's government funding.

Because of the reduction in the Rate Per Loan the government 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.

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

Future of PLR

No decision has been taken yet by Ministers at the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) on the future administration of PLR. The government announced last year that the present PLR organisation is to be abolished and responsibility for PLR transferred to another existing public body. The government's plans do not affect the PLR Scheme itself and authors will continue to receive payment for loans of their books from public libraries.

We expect a decision from DCMS Ministers on the future management of PLR later this year following public consultation. We will provide more information on the PLR website as it becomes available.

Payment distribution

	Feb 2012	Feb 2011
£5,000 - £6,600	313	356
£2,500 - £4,999.99	393	366
£1,000 - £2,499.99	826	877
£500 - £999.99	956	938
£100 - £499.99	3,640	3,649
£1 - £99.99	17,590	17,180
Total Recipients	23,718	23,366
Nil or below minimum threshold	16,254	15,418

This year 211 authors' book loans (230 in February 2011) reached the maximum payment threshold.

Digital PLR

The government has 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. PLR registration, therefore, remains restricted to books which are 'printed and bound'.

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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 2011-12 is £7.22 million (£7.46 million last year). Of this £6.5 million is available to authors and as a result this year's Rate Per Loan is 6.05 pence.

How is loans data collected?

We collect loans data from a changing sample of UK library authorities. In 2010-11 we brought in 19 new library authorities. The most recent figure for total UK loans is 300 million and loans of registered books for 2010-11 were 129 million.

Details of the authorities which participated in the PLR sample during 2010-11 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 2012

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 8th February if you have changed your payment details. Payments made between 13-24th. (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 2013.

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 2011 – June 2012 are printed next month.

December

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