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Subject: Response to information request on the most popular and overdue Library books for 2023
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Kia ora Andrew,

Please find detailed below our response to your information request, received on 2 February for the most popular library books and the most overdue library books from Dunedin libraries. You provided clarification on the details sought in regard to overdue library books on 12 February 2024, thank you.

“Longest overdue books” – the current “longest overdue book” recorded on our system is a copy of **Full house by Janet Evanovich** which was borrowed on **25 June 2004** and has not been returned.

“Most popular books”. The table below shows Dunedin Public Libraries' top 10 most borrowed titles of 2023 (adults, teens, and children's, and fiction and non-fiction combined), broken down by month and format (physical book and eBook), with the combined ranking for the whole of 2023 at the bottom:

	Rank	Author	Physical books Title	Author	eBooks Title
Jan-23	1	Prince Harry	Spare /	Ken Follett	Never
	2	Lee Child	No plan B /	Tricia Stringer	Birds of a Feather
	3	Aaron Blabey	The Bad Guys	David Baldacci	Fix
	4	Tui Sutherland	Wings of fire : the graphic novel	Hannah Kent	Devotion
	5	Ruth Shaw	The bookseller at the end of the world /	Sally Hepworth	Mother-In-Law
	6	Nora Roberts	The choice /	Laura Dave	Last Thing He Told Me
	7	David Baldacci	Long shadows /	Liane Moriarty	Apples Never Fall
	8	Dav Pilkey	Dog Man. Lord of the fleas /	Lucinda Riley	Seven Sisters
	9	Lee Child	Better off dead /	Lisa Taddeo	Three Women
	10	Jeffrey Archer	Next in line /	Richard Osman	Man Who Died Twice
Feb-23	1	Prince Harry	Spare /	Ken Follett	Never
	2	Danielle Steel	Without a trace /	Adrian McKinty	Falling Glass
	3	Lee Child	Better off dead /	Richard Osman	Bullet That Missed
	4	Lee Child	No plan B /	Liane Moriarty	Apples Never Fall
	5	Danielle Steel	The Whittiers /	Tricia Stringer	Birds of a Feather
	6	Dr Seuss	Green eggs and ham /	Laura Dave	Last Thing He Told Me
	7	Ian Rankin	A heart full of headstones /	David Baldacci	Fix
	8	Aaron Blabey	The Bad Guys.	Lucinda Riley	Missing Sister
	9	Aaron. Blabey	The Bad Guys.	Ruth Shaw	Bookseller at the End of the World
	10	William McIlvanney	The dark remains /	Clare Pooley	People on Platform 5
Mar-23	1	Eleanor Catton	Birnam Wood /	Jennette McCurdy	I'm Glad My Mom Died
	2	Lee Child	No plan B /	Jane Harper	Exiles
	3	Lee Child	Better off dead /	Ruth Shaw	Bookseller at the End of the World
	4	Noelle McCarthy	Grand : becoming my mother's daughter /	Gabrielle Zevin	Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow
	5	Prince Harry	Spare /	Lucinda Riley	Missing Sister
	6	Ian Rankin	A heart full of headstones /	Lisa Taddeo	Three Women
	7	Elly Griffiths	The last remains /	Richard Osman	Bullet That Missed
	8	Ruth Shaw	The bookseller at the end of the world /	Clare Pooley	People on Platform 5
	9	Maggie O'Farrell	The marriage portrait /	Liane Moriarty	Apples Never Fall
	10	J. D. Robb	Desperation in death /	Laura Dave	Last Thing He Told Me
Apr-23	1	Vanda Symon	Expectant /	Liane Moriarty	Apples Never Fall
	2	Nicky Pellegrino	P.S. come to Italy /	Clare Pooley	People on Platform 5
	3	Prince Harry	Spare /	Andrew Child, Lee Child	No Plan B
	4	Lee Child	No plan B /	Ruth Rendell	Spot of Folly
	5	Harlan Coben	I will find you /	Bonnie Garmus	Lessons in Chemistry
	6	Eleanor Catton	Birnam Wood /	Lucinda Riley	Seven Sisters
	7	Jojo Moyes	Someone else's shoes /	Lucinda Riley	Missing Sister
	8	Sam Neill	Did I ever tell you this? : a memoir /	Jane Casey	Silent Kill
	9	Ian Rankin	A heart full of headstones /	Lisa Taddeo	Three Women
	10	Lee Child	Better off dead /	Colleen Hoover	Ugly Love
May-23	1	Harlan Coben	I will find you /	Lucinda Riley	Missing Sister
	2	Vanda Symon	Expectant /	Monica Heisey	Really Good, Actually
	3	Peter Robinson	Standing in the shadows /	Richard Osman	Bullet That Missed
	4	Eleanor Catton	Birnam Wood /	Clare Pooley	People on Platform 5
	5	Prince Harry	Spare /	Jennette McCurdy	I'm Glad My Mom Died
	6	Lee Child	Better off dead /	Gabrielle Zevin	Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow
	7	Dav Pilkey	Cat Kid Comic Club.	Pip Williams	Bookbinder of Jericho
	8	Ian Rankin	A heart full of headstones /	Colleen Hoover	It Ends With Us
	9	Lee Child	No plan B /	Taylor Jenkins Reid	Carrie Soto Is Back
	10	Jennifer L. Holm	The big adventures of Babymouse.	Laura Dave	Last Thing He Told Me
Jun-23	1	Lucinda Riley	Atlas : the story of Pa Salt /	Nell Pierce	Place Near Eden
	2	Prince Harry	Spare /	C J. Box	Long Range
	3	Sam Neill	Did I ever tell you this? : a memoir /	Sam Neill	Did I Ever Tell You This?
	4	Bonnie. Garmus	Lessons in chemistry /	Jennette McCurdy	I'm Glad My Mom Died
	5	Nora Roberts	Identity /	Laura Dave	Last Thing He Told Me
	6	Tui Sutherland	Wings of fire : the graphic novel.	Neal Asher	Jack Four
	7	Noelle McCarthy	Grand : becoming my mother's daughter /	Clare Pooley	People on Platform 5
	8	Ian Rankin	A heart full of headstones /	Bonnie Garmus	Lessons in Chemistry
	9	Dav Pilkey	Dog Man.	Colleen Hoover	Maybe Someday
	10	Sheila O'Flanagan	The woman on the bridge /	Ruth Shaw	Bookseller at the End of the World

Jul-23	1	Dav Pilkey	Dog Man.	Nell Pierce	Place Near Eden
	2	Vanda Symon	Expectant /	Sam Neill	Did I Ever Tell You This?
	3	Harlan Coben	I will find you /	Neal Asher	Jack Four
	4	Tui Sutherland	Wings of fire : the graphic novel.	Colleen Hoover	It Ends With Us
	5	Lucinda Riley	Atlas : the story of Pa Salt /	Ruth Shaw	Bookseller at the End of the World
	6	Dr Seuss	The Cat in the Hat /	Jane Harper	Exiles
	7	Katy Farina	Baby-sitters little sister.	C J Box	Long Range
	8	Dav Pilkey	Dog Man. Brawl of the wild /	Dervla McTiernan	Murder Rule
	9	Lee Child	Better off dead /	Gabrielle Zevin	Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and
	10	Sam Neill	Did I ever tell you this? : a memoir /	Megan Miranda	Tomorrow Such a Quiet Place
Aug-23	1	Lee Child	No plan B /	Nell Pierce	Place Near Eden
	2	Tui Sutherland	Wings of fire : the graphic novel.	Neal Asher	Jack Four
	3	Lee Child	Better off dead /	Bonnie Garmus	Lessons in Chemistry
	4	Bonnie. Garmus	Lessons in chemistry /	Sam Neill	Did I Ever Tell You This?
	5	Lucinda Riley	Atlas : the story of Pa Salt /	Ruth Rendell	Spot of Folly
	6	Vanda Symon	Expectant /	Harry Whittaker, Lucinda Riley	Atlas
	7	Danielle Steel	Palazzo /	C J Box	Long Range
	8	Dr Seuss	Dr. Seuss's ABC /	Ruth Shaw	Bookseller at the End of the World
	9	Ian Rankin	A heart full of headstones /	Prince Harry, The Duke of	Spare
	10	Prince Harry	Spare /	Clare Pooley	People on Platform 5
Sep-23	1	Lynda La Plante	Taste of blood /	Freya Sampson	Girl on the 88 Bus
	2	Lucinda Riley	Atlas : the story of Pa Salt /	Barbara Kingsolver	Demon Copperhead
	3	Sam Neill	Did I ever tell you this? : a memoir /	Heather Morris	Cilka's Journey
	4	Barbara Else	Laughing at the dark : a memoir /	Heather Morris	Tattooist of Auschwitz
	5	Kathy Reichs	The bone hacker /	Harry Whittaker, Lucinda Riley	Atlas
	6	Jojo Moyes	Someone else's shoes /	Lucinda Riley	Murders at Fleet House
	7	Dr Seuss	Dr. Seuss's ABC /	Bonnie Garmus	Lessons in Chemistry
	8	Aaron Blabey	The Bad Guys.	Jennette McCurdy	I'm Glad My Mom Died
	9	Prince Harry	Spare /	Ruth Shaw	Bookseller at the End of the World
	10	Eleanor Catton	Birnam Wood /	Sam Neill	Did I Ever Tell You This?
Oct-23	1	J. D. Robb	Payback in death /	Freya Sampson	Girl on the 88 Bus
	2	Lucinda Riley	Atlas : the story of Pa Salt /	Barbara Kingsolver	Demon Copperhead
	3	Nicky Pellegrino	P.S. come to Italy /	Heather Morris	Cilka's Journey
	4	Sam Neill	Did I ever tell you this? : a memoir /	Heather Morris	Tattooist of Auschwitz
	5	Richard Osman	The last devil to die /	Jennette McCurdy	I'm Glad My Mom Died
	6	Lee Child	Better off dead /	Colleen Hoover	It Starts With Us
	7	Prince Harry	Spare /	Lucinda Riley	Murders at Fleet House
	8	Harlan Coben	I will find you /	Sam Neill	Did I Ever Tell You This?
	9	Vanda Symon	Expectant /	Clare Pooley	People on Platform 5
	10	Sally Sutton	Roadworks /	Harry Whittaker, Lucinda Riley	Atlas
Nov-23	1	Lee Child	The secret /	Barbara Kingsolver	Demon Copperhead
	2	John Grisham	The exchange /	Freya Sampson	Girl on the 88 Bus
	3	Lucinda Riley	Atlas : the story of Pa Salt /	Heather Morris	Cilka's Journey
	4	Ian Rankin	A heart full of headstones /	Jennette McCurdy	I'm Glad My Mom Died
	5	Eleanor Catton	Birnam Wood /	Heather Morris	Tattooist of Auschwitz
	6	Val McDermid	Past lying /	Harry Whittaker, Lucinda Riley	Atlas
	7	Richard Osman	The last devil to die /	Richard Osman	Bullet That Missed
	8	Lee Child	Better off dead /	Pip Williams	Bookbinder of Jericho
	9	Bonnie. Garmus	Lessons in chemistry /	Lucinda Riley	Murders at Fleet House
	10	Sam Neill	Did I ever tell you this? : a memoir /	Abraham Verghese	Covenant of Water
Dec-23	1	David Baldacci	The edge /	Pip Williams	Dictionary of Lost Words
	2	Lee Child	The secret /	John Byrnes	Headland
	3	Dav Pilkey	Dog Man.	Rachael Johns	Work Wives
	4	Richard Osman	The last devil to die /	Sam Neill	Did I Ever Tell You This?
	5	Jo Nesbo	The night house /	Jane Harper	Exiles
	6	John Grisham	The exchange /	Richard Osman	Last Devil to Die
	7	Martin Handford	Where's Wally? in Hollywood /	Richard Osman	Bullet That Missed
	8	Aaron Blabey	The Bad Guys.	Ruth Shaw	Bookseller at the End of the World
	9	Jeff Kinney	Diary of a wimpy kid.	Jennette McCurdy	I'm Glad My Mom Died
	10	Ian Rankin	A heart full of headstones /	Jojo Moyes	Someone Else s Shoes
Jan-Dec 2023 combined	1	Prince Harry	Spare /	Freya Sampson	Girl on the 88 Bus
	2	Lee Child	No plan B /	Barbara Kingsolver	Demon Copperhead
	3	Lee Child	Better off dead /	Nell Pierce	Place Near Eden
	4	Ian Rankin	A heart full of headstones /	Pip Williams	Dictionary of Lost Words
	5	Tui Sutherland	Wings of fire : the graphic novel.	Jennette McCurdy	I'm Glad My Mom Died
	6	Eleanor Catton	Birnam Wood /	Bonnie Garmus	Lessons in Chemistry
	7	Vanda Symon	Expectant /	Ken Follett	Never
	8	Sam Neill	Did I ever tell you this? : a memoir /	Lucinda Riley	Murders at Fleet House
	9	Bonnie. Garmus	Lessons in chemistry /	Clare Pooley	People on Platform 5
	10	Ruth Shaw	The bookseller at the end of the world /	Jane Harper	Exiles

I trust this responds to your information request

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To: Lauren Riddle <Lauren.Riddle@dcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Local Government Official Information request - 1028059

Hi Lauren,

I am interested to know if in the council's records, there are any books that have been overdue for an extremely long time. I am aware that sometimes books are deemed "lost" and taken off the record - so if this is the case for Dunedin, let me know.

Andrew

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To assist in the processing of part of your official information request received on 2 February we are seeking clarification/refinement of your request for "the most overdue library books"

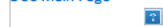
If you could provide a clarification/refinement of your request to myself at lauren.riddle@dcc.govt.nz

Thank you

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Subject: Local Government Official Information request - 1028059

Andrew has submitted a LGOIMA request - 1028059

Below are the details of the request

Request details:

I am interested to get a list of the most overdue library books from Dunedin libraries, as well as the most popular books to borrow in 2023 Can I please have a break down by month of the most popular hard copy books, as well as a break down by month of the most popular E-Books lent out by the libraries

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