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Dear Colleague,

**PUBLIC LENDING RIGHT (PLR) RATE PER LOAN 2015**

I am writing to seek your views and, if relevant, the views of those you represent on the above matter.

Since 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013, the British Library Board has been [responsible](#) for making an annual recommendation to the Secretary of State regarding the amount to be paid to registered authors from the PLR Fund to compensate them for the loan of their books from public libraries. The amount due to each author is based on a rate per loan calculated from both the size of the fund available and an estimate, by way of a sample of libraries countrywide, of the total number of loans in the UK.

The British Library Board has proposed a rate per loan of 6.66 pence for the February 2015 payments, such sum representing an increase of 0.46 pence on the rate per loan for 2014 payments. This proposed increase has been possible in part because of the additional savings and income applied to this year's calculation, and in part due to a reduction in the estimated loans of books registered for PLR.

We support the British Library Board's recommendation that the 2015 payments are made at a rate per loan of 6.66 pence. If you wish to make any comments on this proposal, please send your response to the Libraries team at the postal address above, or by email to: [rate\\_per\\_loan@culture.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:rate_per_loan@culture.gsi.gov.uk) by 10<sup>th</sup> December.

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