

Most borrowed book of 2025 - Public and Schools Libraries (1 Jan - 31 Dec)

Summary: The top three Shetland authors are very close, and when eBook loans are added the order changes slightly. Jen Hadfield's *Storm Pegs*, buoyed by strong audio loans, edges ahead of Malachy Tallack's *That Beautiful Atlantic Waltz* and Marianne Brown's *The Shetland Way*. Jen also beats Richard Osman! Time does not allow for collating physical and eBook loans for all the authors, but we hope you find the lists interesting.

Adult fiction - physical books			
Author	Title	Physical Loans	Comments
Osman, Richard	We solve murders	48	46 eBooks - total 94
Osman, Richard	The Thursday Murder Club	41	
Feeney, Alice	Beautiful ugly	35	
Shafak, Elif	The island of missing trees	31	
Winman, Sarah	Still life	31	
Rankin, Ian	Midnight and blue	30	
Garmus, Bonnie	Lessons in chemistry	28	
Khan, Vaseem	Midnight at Malabar House	28	
Child, Lee	In too deep	28	
Moyes, Jojo	We all live here	27	
Aoyama, Michiko	What you are looking for is in the library	27	
Cleeves, Ann	The raging storm	27	
Tyler, Anne	Three days in June	26	
Osman, Richard	The last devil to die	26	
Hannah, Kristin	The women	25	
Toibin, Colm	Long Island	25	
Osman, Richard	The bullet that missed	25	
Haig, Matt	The life impossible	25	
Kingsolver, Barbara	Demon Copperhead	24	
Zevin, Gabrielle	Tomorrow, and tomorrow, and tomorrow	24	
Coles, Richard	Murder at the monastery	24	
Jewell, Lisa	Don't let him in	22	
Pedersen, Michael	Muckle Flugga	22	
Osman, Richard	The man who died twice	22	
Yrsa Sigurdardottir	Can't run, can't hide	22	
Bray, Carys	When the lights go out	21	
May, Peter	The Black Loch	21	
Norton, Graham	Frankie	21	
Osman, Richard	The impossible fortune	21	
Orwell, George	Animal farm a fairy story	21	
Griffiths, Elly	The crossing places	20	
Kelly, Lorraine	The island swimmer	20	
Sullivan, Tim	The dentist	20	
Collins, Wilkie	The moonstone	20	
Cleeves, Ann	The dark wives	19	
Hannah, Kristin	Night road	19	
Harris, Robert	Conclave	19	
Knapp, Florence	The names	19	
Shafak, Elif	There are rivers in the sky	19	
Sparks, Nicholas	Counting miracles	19	
Whitaker, Chris	All the colours of the dark	19	
Austen, Jane	Pride and prejudice	19	
Child, Lee	The secret	19	

Adult non-fiction - physical books

Author	Title	Total
Lewis, Christian	Finding Hildasay	29
Shepherd, Nan	The living mountain	28
Smith, Ken	The way of the hermit	25
Liptrot, Amy	The outrun	23
Lewis, Christian	Hildasay to home	16
Mulholland, Suzanne	The Batch Lady. Grab and cook	16
	Guinness world records 2024	15
Stout, Jen	Night train to Odesa	15
Tulleken, Chris van	Ultra-processed people	15
Clarkson, Jeremy	Diddly Squat a year on the farm	13
Frank, Anne	The diary of a young girl	13
Mulholland, Suzanne	The Batch Lady	13
Brown, Daniel	The boys in the boat	12
Christiansen, Carol	Shetland fine lace knitting	12
Grann, David	The Wager	12
Haidt, Jonathan	The anxious generation	12
Van der Kolk, Bessel A.	The body keeps the score	12
	Guinness world records 2018	11
Antrobus, Raymond	The perseverance	11
Crowfoot, Jane	Ultimate crochet bible	11
Dunn, Jane	Jane's patisserie	11
Hoy, Chris	All that matters	11
Mulholland, Suzanne	The Batch Lady - rapid dinners	11
Rebanks, James	The place of tides	11
Wills, Simon	Voyages from the past	11
Willson, Quentin	Quentin Willson's cool cars	11

Shetland lending - physical books			
Author	Title	Total	Comments
Tallack, Malachy	That beautiful Atlantic waltz	46	22 eBook, 23 eAudio - 91
Brown, Marianne	The Shetland way	45	17 eBook, 31 eAudio - 93
Hadfield, Jen	Storm pegs	41	14 eBook, 52 eAudio - 107
Johnson, Angus	Safely wounded	30	
Huband, S.	Sea bean	29	
Goodlad, John	Salt roads how fish created a culture	29	
Taylor, Marsali	An imposter in Shetland	28	
Ashbee, Richard	WW2 The Defence of Shetland	28	
Wills, Jonathan	Uncle Davie's Red Cross Blanket	26	
De Luca, Christine	Vod Shetland's abandoned croft houses	26	
Graham, John J.	Shadowed valley	25	
	Shetland Wool Week Annual 2024 Vol Ten	25	
Tait, Ian	Blockade 1914-1918	24	
Harvey, Paul	Discover Shetland's Birds	24	
Tulloch, Lawrence	Shetland folk tales	23	
Velupillai, Viveka	Shaetlan a young language wi aald røts	22	
Laughton Johnston, J	To the End of the Days of Sail	22	
Dowding, Lindsay	Kirsti's Hus A Shetland Tale	22	
Laurenson, Sarah	Shetland Textiles 800BC to the present	21	
Donaldson, Julia	The Shetland gruffalo	21	
	Shetland Wool Week Annual 2023 Vol Nine	21	
De Luca, Christine	The trials of Mary Johnsdaughter	20	
Logan, John B.	A Shetland Boyhood	19	
Goodlad, Laurie	Shetland Your essential travel guide	19	
Taylor, Marsali	Death in a Shetland lane	18	
Taylor, Marsali	Death on a longship	18	
Steppanova, Rosa	Gale Force Gardening	18	
Guy, Peter	Shetland Classic Walks	18	
Butler, Neil	The roost stories	17	
Thomason, Brydon	Wild Shetland Through the Seasons	16	
Taylor, Marsali	Death at a Shetland festival	16	
Goodlad, John	Food from the sea The future of seafood	16	
Carpenter, Kenneth E	Shetlanders by Penny Post	16	
	History Maker Essays in honour of Brian Smith	16	
Tulloch, Bjarnhild	Terror in the Arctic	15	
Orr, Andrew, Dr	The flight of the vikings	15	
Hay, Misa	Shetland Wool Week Annual 2017 Vol Three	15	
Armitage, Marian	Food Made in Shetland	15	

eAudiobooks (both apps)		
Author	Title	Total
Freida McFadden	The Housemaid	95
LJ Ross	Impostor	82
Yvonne Vincent	Losers Club	74
Rebecca Yarros	Fourth Wing	58
Freida McFadden	The Crash	58
Freida McFadden	Do Not Disturb	57
Freida McFadden	The Boyfriend	57
LJ Ross	Hysteria	56
Freida McFadden	Ward D	56
Chris Brookmyre	The Cracked Mirror	54
Carys Davies	Clear	53
Rachel McLean	Deadly Choices	53
Rachel McLean	Deadly Reprisal	53
Rachel McLean	Deadly Wishes	53
Paul Pilkington	The One You Love	53
Jen Hadfield	Storm Pegs	52
Richard Osman	We Solve Murders	49
LJ Ross	Bedlam	48
Freida McFadden	The Inmate	48
Jeff Kinney	Diary of a Wimpy Kid	48
Paula Hawkins	The Blue Hour	47
LJ Ross	Mania	46
Jane Austen	Pride and Prejudice	46
LJ Ross	Amnesia	45
Yvonne Vincent	The Laird's Ladle	45
J.K. Rowling	Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix	43
Kate Morton	Homecoming	42
J.K. Rowling	Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone	42
Rachel McLean	Deadly Terror	40
Marian Keyes	My Favourite Mistake	40
J.K. Rowling	Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets	40
Rachel McLean	Deadly Desires	39
Danielle Steel	Only the Brave	39
Chris Hammer	Treasure and Dirt	39
Raynor Winn	The Salt Path	39

Junior fiction - physical books

Author	Title	Total
Kinney, Jeff	The deep end	76
Kinney, Jeff	Big shot	72
Pilkey, Dav	Cat Kid Comic Club	72
Kinney, Jeff	Double down	66
Kinney, Jeff	Hot mess	66
Kinney, Jeff	Hard luck	66
Kinney, Jeff	No brainer	66
Kinney, Jeff	Rodrick rules	64
Kinney, Jeff	Old school	62
Kinney, Jeff	Wrecking ball	57
Pilkey, Dav	The scarlet shedder	54
Pilkey, Dav	Big Jim begins	53
Pilkey, Dav	Dog Man and Cat Kid	52
Kinney, Jeff	The getaway	51
Kinney, Jeff	Diary of a wimpy kid Greg Heffley's journal	50
Pilkey, Dav	Dog Man unleashed	49
Pilkey, Dav	Dog Man	49
Kinney, Jeff	The meltdown	49
Kinney, Jeff	Dog days	48
Pilkey, Dav	Fetch-22 Dog Man	48
Pilkey, Dav	Mothering heights	47
Kinney, Jeff	Cabin fever	46
Dahl, Roald	Fantastic Mr Fox	42
Kinney, Jeff	The ugly truth	42
Kinney, Jeff	The long haul	41
Dahl, Roald	The Twits	41
Dahl, Roald	James and the giant peach	37
Pichon, Liz	DogZombies rule (for now)	35
Kinney, Jeff	Diary of an awesome friendly kid	34
Kinney, Jeff	Diper överlöde	32
Rowling, J. K.	Harry Potter and the goblet of fire	32
Kirby, Katie	The extremely embarrassing life of Lottie Brooks	32
Kinney, Jeff	The third wheel	32
Smart, Jamie	The great big glitch!	32

Picture books - physical books

Author	Title	Total
Donaldson, Julia	The gruffalo	52
Goodhart, Pippa	You choose fairy tales	44
Donaldson, Julia	Superworm	42
Donaldson, Julia	The troll	41
Gray, Kes	Oi cat!	41
Donaldson, Julia	Tabby McTat	39
Donaldson, Julia	The snail and the whale	37
Donaldson, Julia	The Baddies	35
Donaldson, Julia	Stick man	35
Donaldson, Julia	Charlie Cook's favourite book	34
Donaldson, Julia	Zog	32
Donaldson, Julia	The ugly five	31
Goodhart, Pippa	You choose your dreams	31
Donaldson, Julia	The Smeds and the Smoos	30
Donaldson, Julia	What the ladybird heard on holiday	29
Donaldson, Julia	Zog and the flying doctors	29
Donaldson, Julia	Tiddler	29
Donaldson, Julia	The flying bath	28
Sharratt, Nick	Shark in the dark!	27
Sharratt, Nick	Shark in the park!	27
Donaldson, Julia	The scarecrows' wedding	26
Goodhart, Pippa	You choose	26
Scheffler, Axel	The big balloon	26

eBooks (both apps)		
Author	Title	Total
Richard Osman	We Solve Murders	46
Marion Todd	Dead Man's Shoes	38
Richard Osman	The Thursday Murder Club	30
Matt Haig	The Life Impossible	28
Laurie Gilmore	The Pumpkin Spice Café	22
Malachy Tallack	That Beautiful Atlantic Waltz	22
Tim Sullivan	The Bookseller	21
Rebecca Yarros	The Last Letter	21
Becca Day	The Secrets We Buried	21
Becca Day	The Woman in the Cabin	21
Laurie Gilmore	The Cinnamon Bun Book Store	20
Nicci French	Has Anyone Seen Charlotte Salter?	20
Kerry Watts	Bury Your Secrets	19
Laura Starkey	The Spare Room	19
Lucinda Riley; Harry Whittaker	The Hidden Girl	19
Paul Murton	The Viking Isles: Travels in Orkney and Shetland	18
Carys Davies	Clear	18
Susan Lewis	Don't Believe a Word	18
Marianne Brown	The Shetland Way	17
Asako Yuzuki	Butter	17
Elizabeth Strout	Tell Me Everything	17
Adrian McKinty	The Cold Cold Ground	16
Kristin Hannah	Winter Garden	16
Richard Osman	The Last Devil to Die	16
Suzanne Collins	Sunrise on the Reaping	16
Dav Pilkey	A Tale of Two Kitties	15
Robert Thorogood	Death Comes to Marlow	15
Laurie Gilmore	The Christmas Tree Farm	15
Denzil Meyrick	Whisky from Small Glasses	15
T.M. Logan	The Daughter	15

Young Adult		
Author	Title	Total
Kuipers, Alice	Life on the refrigerator door : a novel in notes	57
Collins, Suzanne	The hunger games	30
Jackson, Holly	A good girl's guide to murder	30
Collins, Suzanne	Catching fire	26
Han, Jenny	The summer I turned pretty	25
Dashner, James	The maze runner	23
Boxall, R. R.	The generation archives	21
Jackson, Holly	Five survive	21
Boyne, John	The boy in the striped pyjamas : a fable	19
Collins, Suzanne	Mockingjay	19
Oseman, Alice	Solitaire	19
McManus, Karen M.	One of us is lying	17
Palacio, R. J.	Wonder	17
Collins, Suzanne	Sunrise on the reaping	14
Meyer, Stephenie	Twilight	14
Jackson, Holly	As good as dead	13
Thomas, Kara	The cheerleaders	13
Glasgow, Kathleen	Girl in pieces	12
Cawthon, Scott	The week before : an interactive novel	11
Glasgow, Kathleen	You'd be home now	11
Weston, Danny	Postcards from Valhalla	11
Shusterman, Neal	Scythe	11
Muchamore, Robert	The recruit	11
Becker, Tom	Dark room	10
Barnes, Jennifer Lynn	The Naturals	10
Cole, Tillie	A thousand boy kisses	10
Oseman, Alice	Radio silence	10
Cameron, Sophie	Away with words	9
Barnes, Jennifer Lynn	The inheritance games	9
Maas, Sarah J.	Throne of glass	9
Maas, Sarah J.	Kingdom of ash	9
Maas, Sarah J.	Queen of shadows	9

