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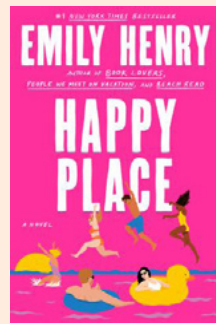
READS, MOVIES & MORE!

VPL's Most Borrowed Books, Movies, eBooks & eAudiobooks of 2024!



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Top 10 Borrowed Adult Fiction & Non-Fiction Books



Happy Place

by Emily Henry

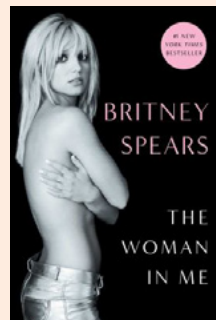
Emily Henry is on the leaderboard once again with her second to last release about a couple who have broken up but decide to play house on a vacation with close friends.



Spare

by Prince Harry

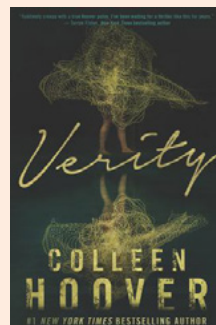
The incredibly popular autobiography by the prince himself takes a top spot on our list once more. This year it hit over 600 borrows again.



The Woman in Me

by Britney Spears

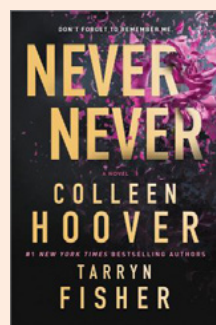
Britney Spears' life story, including conservatorship at the hands of her father, remains a popular read. Our customers took this one out over 375 times.



Verity

by Colleen Hoover

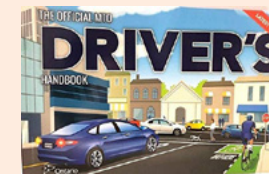
Colleen Hoover's books are certainly controversial, with many questioning the author's depictions of abuse and other serious topics. However, readership remains high, with standalone book Verity coming in at number four.



Never Never

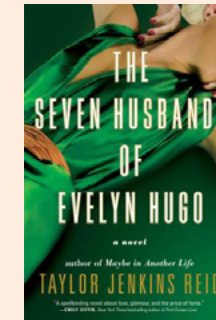
by Colleen Hoover

Hoover's first book in the Never Never series, following childhood close friends Charlie and Silas, comes in next.



The Official MTO Driver's Handbook

Understandably, the Ministry of Transport's practical guide to all things driving in Ontario is on the list for another year.



The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo

by Taylor Jenkins Reid

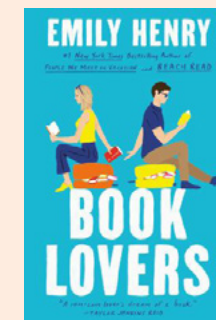
Taylor Jenkins Reid's novel about a first generation Cuban American actress making it big in Hollywood (and marrying seven times along the way) has retained a spot on the list for the second year in a row.



Meet Me at the Lake

by Carley Fortune

A Canada Reads finalist from this year's competition, Meet Me at the Lake is still enjoying a pleasant buzz with 350 borrows.



Book Lovers

by Emily Henry

Another incumbent from last year, one of Emily Henry's fan favourite romances, is Book Lovers. The premise of this one is definitely library friendly: literary agent Nora and book editor Charlie make the epic journey from enemies to lovers.



It Starts with Us

by Colleen Hoover

Ironically, readers are meant to pick this one up after the first in the series, "It Ends with Us." Regardless, readers are sure picking this author's books up and taking them home from the library a lot.

Top 10 Borrowed Teen Books



[The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes](#)

by Suzanne Collins

In this Hunger Games prequel, eighteen-year-old Coriolanus Snow is preparing for his one shot at glory as a mentor in the tenth annual Games.



[Shadow and Bone](#)

by Leigh Bardugo

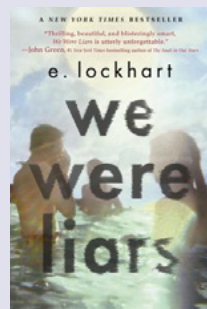
Orphaned Alina Starkov is trained by the Darkling, who believes her unique power can save their country from the Fold's darkness.



[To All the Boys I've Loved Before](#)

by Jenny Han

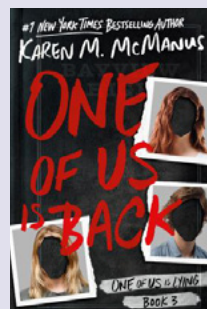
Lara Jean's life is turned upside down when her secret love letters are mysteriously mailed to her past crushes.



[We Were Liars](#)

by E. Lockhart

As Cadence spends her summer with her cousins and a boy named Gat on her family's private island, she struggles to remember what happened during her fifteenth summer.



[One of Us is Back](#)

by Karen M. McManus

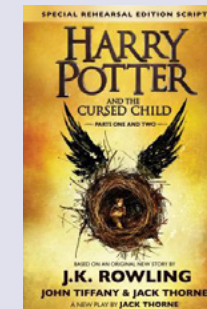
After Simon's death, the Bayview Crew faces new dangers as a mysterious game targets them, revealing deadly secrets and hidden truths.



[The Summer I Turned Pretty](#)

by Jenny Han

Belly enjoys spending every summer at the beach with her childhood friends Conrad and Jeremiah, but this summer everything is different.



[Harry Potter and the Cursed Child.](#) [Parts One & Two](#)

by J.K. Rowling

Harry Potter, now an overworked Ministry of Magic employee, husband, and father, struggles with his unresolved past, while his son, Albus struggles with the family legacy.



[The Cousins](#)

by Karen M. McManus

The Story cousins arrive to spend the summer with their estranged grandmother, only to find her missing.



[The Final Gambit](#)

by Jennifer Barnes

To inherit billions, Avery Kylie Grambs must survive a few more weeks at Hawthorne House, facing paparazzi, financial pressures, and constant danger, with the Hawthorne brothers by her side.

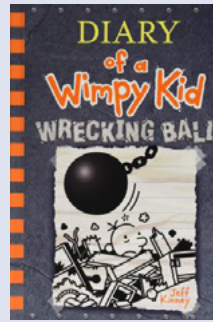


[A Court of Frost and Starlight](#)

By Sarah J. Mass

As Feyre navigates her first Winter Solstice as High Lady, she discovers that those closest to her have deeper wounds than she ever imagined.

Top 10 Borrowed Kids' Books



Wrecking Ball

by Jeff Kinney

Ranked number one on our list, the book follows Greg and his family as they decide to spend their inheritance on home improvements. Will they be able to overcome the challenges of their renovation project?



Diper överlöde

by Jeff Kinney

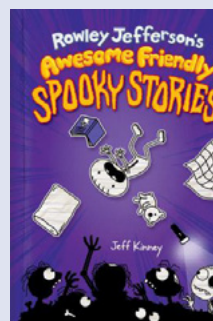
Greg is excited to help his brother Rodrick's music band rise to fame. However, soon he realizes that navigating the chaos of their rock 'n' roll lifestyle is not as easy as it may seem.



Guts

by Raina Telgemeier

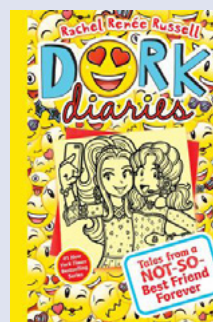
Raina experiences stomach pain which is connected to her worries about food and school. A sweet and thought-provoking graphic novel exploring the themes of fear and anxiety.



Rowley Jefferson's Awesome Friendly Spooky Stories

by Jeff Kinney

Perfect for fans of eerie tales, this book takes the readers on a fantastic adventure to discover the world of zombies, ghosts, and much more.



Tales From A Not-so-best Friend Forever

by Rachel Renée Russell

Nikki and her friends are thrilled to join the famous Bad Boyz on their summer tour. Things get complicated when her frenemy lands the tour's social media intern position and becomes her roommate.



Ghosts

by Raina Telgemeier

This engaging graphic novel follows Catrina and her family as they move to Northern California because of her little sister's illness. Let's find out what their new town has in store for them.



Dog Man Unleashed

by Dav Pilkey

How did Petey the Cat manage to escape from prison? Who is the mysterious stranger causing so much trouble? Hopefully, Dog Man can restore order and keep the city safe.



Cat Kid Comic Club. On Purpose

by Dav Pilkey

Naomi's plan to get rich quickly triggers a lot of commotion among her friends. Packed with beautiful illustrations, this is a hilarious story about resilience and finding purpose.



Dog Man. Twenty Thousand Fleas Under the Sea

by Dav Pilkey

Twenty thousand fleas under the sea? That must be a real disaster! Filled with unexpected twists and turns, this is a fast-paced and highly entertaining graphic novel not to be missed.



The Baby-sitters Club #7, Boy-crazy Stacey

by Gale Galligan

Sharing the 10th spot with *The Deep End* by Jeff Kinney and *Dragonslayer* by Tui Sutherland, this book follows Stacey as she falls in love with a charming lifeguard. A delightful story about summer romance and friendship.

Top 10 Borrowed Feature Films



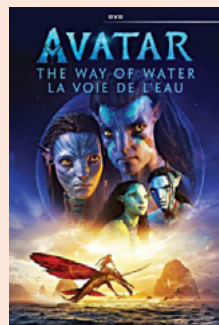
Oppenheimer

The leader of our top 10 list, this biographical film follows American physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer who helped develop the atomic bomb during World War II.



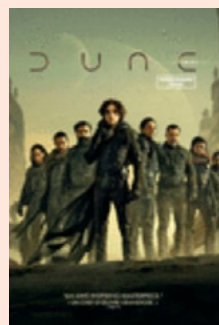
Barbie

Barbie lives her perfect life in perfect Barbie Land until the moment she starts experiencing alarming issues. Will her journey to the real world help her find the answers?



Avatar The Way of Water

Packed with astonishing visual effects, this science fiction film takes us back to the world of Pandora where Jake and his family face new threats and must fight their battles to survive.



Dune

Adapted from Frank Herbert's famous novel, the plot revolves around Paul Atreides, a charismatic young man who must travel to the desert planet for the sake of his people.



Dune 2

The sequel to Dune, this gripping movie follows Paul Atreides as he joins forces with the Fremen people and aims at preventing the horrible future only he can envision.



Mission Impossible. Dead Reckoning

Ethan knows that nothing is more urgent than uncovering the terrifying weapon which threatens the world. A captivating action spy film starring Tom Cruise.



Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny

In this action film, archaeologist Indiana Jones embarks on a thrilling adventure to retrieve the legendary artifact which has the power to change the course of history.



Wonka

Every achievement begins with a dream. This whimsical fantasy film portrays young Willy Wonka who is determined to open his own chocolate shop.



Spider-Man. Across the Spider-Verse

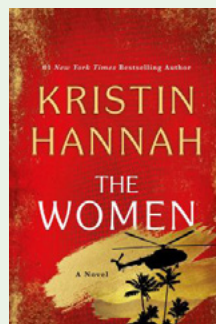
In this dazzling animated film, Miles Morales travels across the Multiverse where he meets a group of Spider-People. Will they be able to handle the new threat?



John Wick. Chapter 4

John Wick discovers a way to defeat the mysterious High Table. A breathtaking thriller film that will keep you on the edge of your seat.

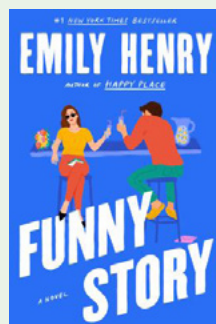
Top 10 Borrowed eBooks & eAudiobooks



[The Women](#)

by Kristin Hannah

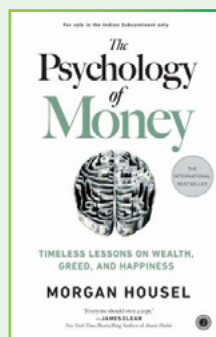
It's no wonder Kristin Hannah sits atop this list. The author's historical fiction yarns have consistently garnered attention and praise from many of our readers.



[Funny Story](#)

by Emily Henry

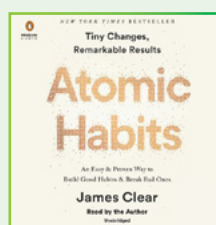
One of the hot new releases this year, the latest from romance author Emily Henry takes the number two spot. This one is about a children's librarian of all things!



[The Psychology of Money](#)

by Morgan Housel

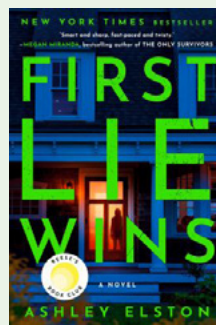
Instead of trying to absorb figures and percentages, pick up this popular eBook featuring 19 short narratives designed to teach you healthier money habits.



[Atomic Habits](#)

by James Clear

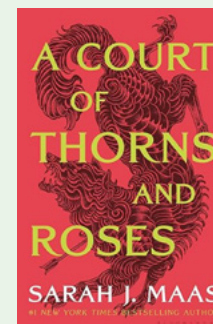
Speaking of habits, this non-fiction text claims to be able to solve all your bad habits with one perfected system.



[First Lie Wins](#)

by Ashley Elston

A psychological thriller from Reese Witherspoon's Book Club has struck a chord with our readers. The intriguing premise (a protagonist who assumes false identities) may have something to do with that.

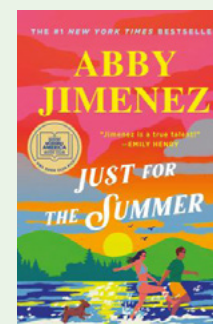


[A Court of Thorns and Roses \(1 of 2\)](#)

[dramatized Adaptation]

by Sarah J Maas

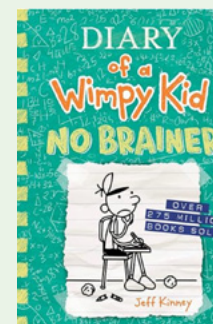
The well-known adult fantasy series about faeries is flying off the digital shelves, with the dramatized adaptation of the first book (performed by voice actors) coming in at number six.



[Just for the Summer](#)

by Abby Jimenez

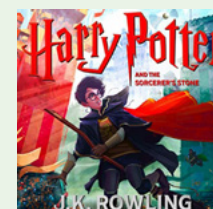
The founder of a bakery that has gone on to win more than one Food Network competition show is also a writer. One of Abby Jimenez's romances makes it to number seven this year.



[Diary of A Wimpy Kid Book 18](#)

by Jeff Kinney

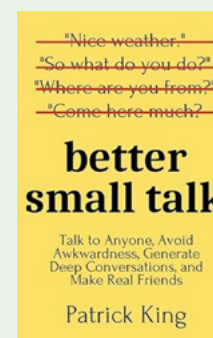
What is there left to say about the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series that hasn't already been said? There are few junior fiction books that have enjoyed as much success and staying power as Jeff Kinney's classic series.



[Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone](#)

by J. K. Rowling

The Harry Potter series is another of those classics of children's literature. Even now, in digital format, the first book is being borrowed hundreds of times a year.

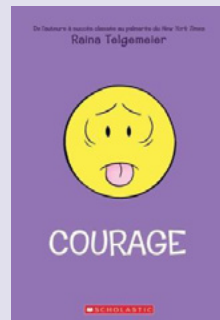


[Better Small Talk](#)

by Patrick King

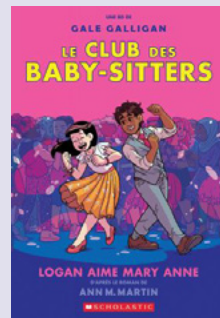
It's fascinating to see what topics are of interest to VPL customers. The eBook of this guide to navigating discussions with unfamiliar faces was checked out 185 times in 2024.

Top 10 Borrowed French Books



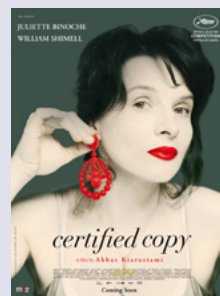
Courage

par Raina Telgemeier
Dans cette histoire touchante, Raina découvre que ses maux d'estomac sont liés à ses angoisses d'adolescente. Pour les enfants d'âge scolaire. / *In this touching story, Raina realizes that her stomachaches reveal her anxieties about adolescence. For school-aged kids.*



Le Club des Baby-Sitters. 8 : Logan aime Mary Anne

par Gale Galligan
Mary Anne veut trouver le courage de parler au nouvel étudiant séduisant, Logan. Pour les enfants d'âge scolaire. / *Mary Anne wants to find the courage to talk to Logan, the attractive new student. For school-aged kids.*



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Lors d'une visite en Toscane, un écrivain anglais et une galeriste française discutent de l'authenticité dans l'art, tout en jouant à être un couple marié, brouillant ainsi les frontières entre réalité et fiction. Film pour adultes. / *During a visit to Tuscany, an English writer and a French gallery owner discuss art authenticity while pretending to be married, blurring reality and fiction. Film for adults.*



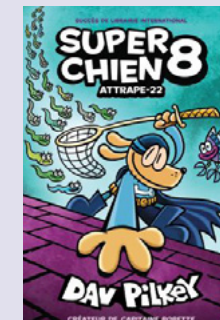
Super Chien. 7 : Pour qui volent ces balles

par Dav Pilkey
Les Super Copains aident Super Chien à surmonter ses phobies, mais il devient la cible d'un nouveau méchant. Pour les enfants d'âge scolaire. / *The Supa Buddies help Dog Man overcome his fears, but he becomes the target of a new villain. For school-aged kids.*



Où est Fripon?

par Florence Ducatteau
Une jeune fille construit un château de sable, mais son ours en peluche disparaît. Pour les lecteurs débutants. / *A young girl is building a sandcastle, but then her teddy bear disappears. For beginner readers.*



Super Chien. 8 : Attrape-22

par Dav Pilkey
Pistache et Super Chien doivent surmonter leurs différences pour sauver Petit Pistache et le monde. Pour les enfants d'âge scolaire. / *Pete and Dog Man must overcome their differences to save Li'l Petey and the world. For school-aged kids.*



Mini Chat et son club BD 3 : Objectif

par Dav Pilkey
Naomi, Melvin et leurs frères et sœurs sont confrontés au chaos et aux émotions dans leur club BD, tout en faisant face à des rejets et à un visiteur surprise. Pour les enfants d'âge scolaire. / *Naomi, Melvin, and their siblings face chaos and emotions in their comic club while dealing with rejections and a surprise visitor. For school-aged kids.*



Baby-sitters. Petite soeur. 3 : La pire journée de Karen

par Katy Farina
Karen commence la journée en tombant du lit et les choses ne font qu'empirer à partir de là. Pour les enfants d'âge scolaire. / *Karen starts the day by falling out of bed, and it just gets worse from there. For school-aged kids.*



Le dragon et le phénix : conte populaire chinois

par Lesley Sims
Une charmante histoire d'origine chinoise dans lequel on découvre un dragon, un phénix et un caillou très, très spécial. Pour les lecteurs débutants. / *A charming story of Chinese origin featuring a dragon, a phoenix and a very, very special pebble. For beginner readers.*



Encore un but!

par Robert Munsch
Ciara décide d'aménager une patinoire derrière chez elle toute seule, car personne de sa famille ne veut l'aider. Trousse. / *Ciara decides to build an ice rink behind her house all by herself, because no one in her family wants to help. KIT.*



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