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List of Most Popular Borrowed Materials from Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System

The list of the most popular items borrowed through the Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries in 2012 is hot off the press. Based on borrowers from all 37 Libraries the list includes the top 3 most popular and most requested book titles along with the top downloaded eBook titles.

BOOKS:

Adult Fiction

1. *The Litigators* by John Grisham
2. *Private Games* by James Patterson and Mark Sullivan
3. *The Innocent* by David Baldacci

Adult Non-Fiction

1. *Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption* by Laura Hillenbrand
2. *Killing Lincoln: the Shocking Assassination that Changed America Forever* by Bill O'Reilly
3. *In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin* by Erik Larson

Young Adult/Teen

1. *Catching Fire (The Hunger Games)* by Suzanne Collins
2. *Mockingjay (The Hunger Games)* by Suzanne Collins
3. *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins

Children's Fiction

1. *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days* by Jeff Kinney
2. *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever* by Jeff Kinney
3. *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw* by Jeff Kinney

Children's Non-Fiction

1. *LEGO Star Wars: The Visual Dictionary* by Simon Beecroft
2. *The Wimpy Kid Movie Diary: How Greg Heffley Went Hollywood* by Jeff Kinney
3. *The LEGO Ideas Book: Unlock Your Imagination* by Daniel Lipkowitz

eBooks Fiction

Explosive Eighteen by Janet Evanovich

eBooks Non-Fiction

Too Close to the Falls by Catherine McClure Gildiner

Most Requested Books

1. *Fifty Shades of Grey* by E.L. James
2. *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn
3. *Fifty Shades Darker* by E.L. James

Library System Director Mary Jean Jakubowski had two favorite reads in 2012. *The Weird Sisters* by Eleanor Brown and *The Yellow Birds* by Kevin Powers.

"*The Weird Sisters* is quirky, funny and sweet. And of course it is a librarian who plays a significant role in helping the sisters find their way in life," said Ms. Jakubowski.

The Yellow Birds was written by a veteran of the Iraqi War. "In the story there is a powerful reflection of friendship, bravery and sacrifice for both the soldiers and their families. It will draw you in and leave you wrought with emotion." She added: "I would highly recommend each of these books but for very different reasons. If you are looking for light and airy reading try *The Weird Sisters*, for a book with much more intensity and raw emotion, definitely checkout *The Yellow Birds*."

The Library System welcomes hearing about your favorite reads. Become a fan of our Facebook page (Buffalo & Erie County Public Library - Central Library) and post your book recommendations. The Library System has more than 3 million materials available for borrowing through the 37-branch system including downloadable eBooks and music, DVDs and books on CD. Free library card applications can be downloaded and taken to any local public library for processing. A valid form of identification and proof of address is necessary. Those under 17 years of age must be accompanied by a parent/guardian to obtain a card and the guardian is required to have valid identification. For more information, visit www.BuffaloLib.org .

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