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## Top novels

OCLC compiled a list of 100 “top novels,” determined by how many libraries own a copy of the book. The number one novel—held in more than 7,000 libraries—is *Don Quixote*, by Miguel de Cervantes, followed by *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland*, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, and *Treasure Island*.

OCLC, “The library 100,” <https://www.oclc.org/en/worldcat/library100.html> (retrieved April 2, 2019).



## Book format popularity

While nearly one in five Americans now listen to audiobooks, print books continue to be more popular than e-books or audiobooks. About three-quarters of Americans have read a book in the past 12 months in any format. Print books remain the most popular format for reading, with 67 percent of Americans having read a print book in the past year. The share of Americans who listen to audiobooks rose from 14 percent to 18 percent since 2016.

Andrew Perrin, “Print Books Still Much More Popular than E-Books, Audiobooks,” Pew Research Center, March 8, 2018, <https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2018/03/08/nearly-one-in-five-americans-now-listen-to-audiobooks> (retrieved April 3, 2019).



## Podcast popularity

More than half of Americans over 12 years old have listened to a podcast, and nearly one-third listen to at least one every month. This represents about 90 million monthly listeners. More men than women listen to podcasts.

Edison Research, “The Infinite Dial 2019,” March 6, 2019, <https://www.edisonresearch.com/infinite-dial-2019> (retrieved April 3, 2019).



## Interlibrary loans via OCLC

On “April 1, 1979, the first interlibrary loan was arranged through OCLC systems. That year, OCLC processed 565,680 ILL transactions. In FY18, (they) processed nearly 7 million.”

Cathy King, “After 40 years of resource sharing... what’s next?” OCLC Next (blog), April 1, 2019, [www.oclc.org/blog/main/after-40-years-of-resource-sharing-whats-next](http://www.oclc.org/blog/main/after-40-years-of-resource-sharing-whats-next) (retrieved April 3, 2019).



## Postsecondary enrollment

“Fall enrollment in degree-granting postsecondary institutions increased 24 percent between 1996 and 2006. Fall enrollment ... was 12 percent higher in 2016 (19.8 million) than in 2006 (17.8 million). The overall increase between 2006 and 2016 reflects an increase of 18 percent between 2006 and 2010, followed by a decrease of 6 percent between 2010 and 2016. Similarly, the number of full-time students rose 19 percent from 2006 to 2010, and then fell 7 percent from 2010 to 2016.

Thomas D. Snyder, Cristobal de Brey, and Sally A. Dillow, Digest of Education Statistics 2017 (NCES 2018-070), January 2019, National Center for Education Statistics, Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C., [https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d17/ch\\_3.asp](https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d17/ch_3.asp) (retrieved April 3, 2019).

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