

## 1. Introduction

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The Joint Fiction Reserves (JFRs) were set up to ensure public library borrowers have access to a full back catalogue of fiction. Participating libraries aim to acquire all newly published fiction by a particular allocation of authors, and make it available over the long term for interlibrary loan.

To date there have been five JFR schedules (sets of allocations) in operation in the British Isles.

- Schedule 1A of the English JFR was drawn up in 1946, involving libraries from the South East of England. Material published before January 1988 continues to be held in accordance with this schedule.
- Schedule 1B of the English JFR was drawn up in 1988, involving a larger number of libraries from the South East of England. It supersedes Schedule 1A for material published from January 1988 onwards.
- Schedule 2 of the English JFR was drawn up in 1962, involving libraries outside the South East of England.
- The Irish JFR was established in 1965, involving libraries from both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.
- The Scottish JFR was established in 1955, involving all Scottish public library authorities. It was revised in 1986.

The English and Irish JFRs operate on the basis of alphabetical ranges of authors; these allocations are summarized below. The Scottish JFR allocates authors to authorities on the basis of local association; the schedule for this is not included but can be found in Moira Burgess, *Scottish Fiction Reserve: directory of authors included in the scheme* (Edinburgh: National Library of Scotland, 1986; ISBN 0-902220-77-2); note, however, that some libraries have updated their allocations since that directory was published.

## 2. Contributing to the JFRs

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Libraries contribute to a JFR by purchasing one copy of all new fiction published in the UK within their allocation, and adding it to their JFR stock. This includes

- translations into English;
- reprints, where the work is not already represented;
- romantic and erotic fiction;
- graphic novels aimed at adults;
- large print editions, even if the work is already represented in a standard edition.

The Irish JFR does not collect junior fiction (i.e. fiction aimed at children and teenagers) while the others do.

There is no expectation that libraries should collect

- new editions and reprints of works already represented, unless they contain substantial new textual material;
- graphic novels and picture books aimed at children.

As the aim for the JFRs was to build a comprehensive collection, libraries should not apply critical selection criteria within their allocation, nor 'weed out' unpopular titles.

JFR stock should be added to the library OPAC, and marked as being part of the JFR on the catalogue record. Copies should also be physically marked as being JFR stock.

It was intended that libraries should add copies directly to JFR stock, rather than putting them into general circulation first:

- it removes any concerns that last copies might be unwittingly discarded instead of being transferred into the JFR;
- it also ensures copies are in good enough condition to withstand transport on interlibrary loan.

For many libraries this has proved impractical, whether because of limited stack space or modest book budgets, so they add last copies to their JFR stock.

Whether participating in a JFR or not, all libraries are encouraged to offer unwanted last copies of fiction titles to the appropriate JFR libraries, in case they are needed to fill a gap or replace a worn-out copy.

### 3. Using the JFRs

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There was for a long time an expectation that public library authorities would be self-sufficient in in-print fiction. For this reason the JFRs originally supplied only out-of-print fiction on interlibrary loan. While this continues to be the case for the Irish JFR, elsewhere this restriction has been removed: many authorities are happy to lend in-print fiction so long as there is low local demand. Even so, JFRs must not be used to alleviate supply problems of popular in-print titles.

Beyond that, there are no restrictions on the readers or libraries that can be supplied with JFR stock, nor on the purposes for which items can be required. Furthermore, no differentiation is made on the basis of fiction type.

If JFR stock is identified in the course of normal procedure – that is, after performing regional and national searches in union catalogues – it can be requested as normal. It is known, however, that not all JFR stock is visible on electronic catalogues. Therefore, if such searches fail, the requesting library can make a speculative request to the appropriate library in the nearest JFR: that is,

- the Irish JFR for libraries in Ireland;
- Schedules 1A and 1B of the English JFR for libraries in the South East of England;

- the Scottish JFR for libraries in Scotland, where the author of the requested work has a Scottish connection;
- Schedule 2 of the English JFR otherwise.

Failing that, a speculative request can be made to the appropriate libraries in the remaining JFRs.

Speculative JFR requests should be marked as such; traditionally the libraries involved in Schedules 1A and 1B of the English JFR have used the wording 'Special Fiction Request' and 'Special Request Children's Story', while the Irish JFR has used a special form.

#### 4. Irish JFR back-up system

The Irish JFR operates a back-up system to increase the chances of a request being successful.

If the scheduled library is not able to satisfy a JFR request, it forwards the request to the appropriate national back-up library, and informs the requesting library that it has done this. If the requesting library is in the Republic of Ireland, the request is forwarded to Dún Laoghaire/Rathdown Public Library Service HQ, County Dublin. If it is in Northern Ireland, the request is forwarded to the Belfast Education and Library Board.

If the back-up library is unable to supply, it forwards the request to the other national back-up library, and informs the requesting library that it has done this. If the second back-up library is also unable to supply, it returns the request to the requesting library.

#### 5. JFR Schedules

Four schedules are presented here:

- **English 1A** – Schedule 1A of the English JFR (for material published before 1988);
- **English 1B** – Schedule 1B of the English JFR (for material published from 1988);
- **English 2** – Schedule 2 of the English JFR;
- **Irish** – the Irish JFR.

Please bear in mind when using the table below that the JFRs are not comprehensive. Some libraries retain legacy JFR stock but no longer maintain their allocation; some libraries have lost stock due to damage or pressure on stack space; and others have withdrawn from the scheme entirely, and have disposed of their JFR stock.

Contact details for the libraries below may be found in the *Directory of Library Codes* maintained by the British Library, available from <http://www.bl.uk/librarycodes/>

Allocation	English 1A	English 1B	English 2	Irish
AA-AE	Wandsworth	Wandsworth	Lancashire	Western Education and Library Board
AF-AK	Wandsworth	Wandsworth	Oldham	Western Education and Library Board

<b>Allocation</b>	<b>English 1A</b>	<b>English 1B</b>	<b>English 2</b>	<b>Irish</b>
ALA-ALK	Wandsworth	Wandsworth	Tameside Supporting Library	Western Education and Library Board
ALL-ALZ	Wandsworth	Wandsworth	Wirral	Western Education and Library Board
AM-AP	Wandsworth	Barnet	Salford	Western Education and Library Board
AQ-AR	Wandsworth	Barnet	Sefton	Western Education and Library Board
AS-AT	Wandsworth	Barnet	Wigan	Western Education and Library Board
AU	Wandsworth	Barnet	Trafford	Western Education and Library Board
AV-AW	Wandsworth	Barnet	Lancashire	Western Education and Library Board
AX-AZ	Wandsworth	Barnet	Cheshire	Western Education and Library Board
BAA-BAI	Wandsworth	Barking and Dagenham	Salford	Belfast Education and Library Board
BAJ-BAK	Southwark	Southwark	Salford	Belfast Education and Library Board
BAL-BAN	Southwark	Southwark	Sefton	Belfast Education and Library Board
BAO-BAR	Southwark	Southwark	Oldham	Belfast Education and Library Board
BAS-BAV	Southwark	Southwark	Cheshire	Belfast Education and Library Board
BAW-BAZ	Southwark	Southwark	Tameside	Belfast Education and Library Board
BB-BEK	Southwark	Southwark	St Helens	Belfast Education and Library Board
BEL	Southwark	Southwark	Rochdale	Belfast Education and Library Board
BEM-BEQ	Tower Hamlets	Bedford	Bury	Belfast Education and Library Board
BER	Tower Hamlets	Bedford	Tameside	Belfast Education and Library Board
BES-BEZ	Tower Hamlets	Bedford	Oldham	Belfast Education and Library Board
BF-BIL	Tower Hamlets	Bedford	Bolton	Belfast Education and Library Board

<b>Allocation</b>	<b>English 1A</b>	<b>English 1B</b>	<b>English 2</b>	<b>Irish</b>
BIM-BLH	Tower Hamlets	Bedford	Lancashire	Belfast Education and Library Board
BLI-BLO	Tower Hamlets	Bedford	Oldham	Belfast Education and Library Board
BLP-BOR	Tower Hamlets	Bedford	Lancashire	Belfast Education and Library Board
BOS-BQ	Southwark	Bedford	Wigan	Belfast Education and Library Board
BRA-BRH	Southwark	Bedford	Bury	Belfast Education and Library Board
BRI-BRO	Southwark	Bedford	Lancashire	Belfast Education and Library Board
BRP-BRZ	Southwark	Bedford	Wigan	Belfast Education and Library Board
BS-BUQ	Southwark	Slough	Lancashire	Belfast Education and Library Board
BUR	Southwark	Slough	Bolton	Belfast Education and Library Board
BUS-BZ	Southwark	Slough	Cheshire	Belfast Education and Library Board
CAA-CAL	Southwark	Slough	Douglas Isle of Man	Belfast Education and Library Board
CAM-CAP	Southwark	Slough	Lancashire	Belfast Education and Library Board
CAQ	Kensington and Chelsea	Kensington and Chelsea	Lancashire	Belfast Education and Library Board
CAR	Kensington and Chelsea	Kensington and Chelsea	Wirral	Belfast Education and Library Board
CAS-CG	Kensington and Chelsea	Kensington and Chelsea	Lancashire	Belfast Education and Library Board
CHA-CHD	Kensington and Chelsea	Kensington and Chelsea	Wirral	Belfast Education and Library Board
CHE-CHZ	Lewisham	Bexley	Bolton	Belfast Education and Library Board
CI-CN	Lewisham	Bexley	Stockport	Belfast Education and Library Board
COA-COK	Lewisham	Brent	Cheshire	Belfast Education and Library Board
COL	Lewisham	Brent	Lancashire	Belfast Education and Library Board

<b>Allocation</b>	<b>English 1A</b>	<b>English 1B</b>	<b>English 2</b>	<b>Irish</b>
COM-CON	Islington	Bromley	Salford	Belfast Education and Library Board
COO-COP	Islington	Bromley	Sefton	Belfast Education and Library Board
COQ-COR	Islington	Bromley	Cheshire	Belfast Education and Library Board
COS-COZ	Islington	Bromley	Rochdale	Belfast Education and Library Board
CP-CRH	Islington	Bromley	Tameside	Belfast Education and Library Board
CRI-CRZ	Hammersmith and Fulham	Hammersmith and Fulham	Cheshire	Belfast Education and Library Board
CS-CZ	Hammersmith and Fulham	Hammersmith and Fulham	Lancashire	Belfast Education and Library Board
DAA-DAVIE	Hammersmith and Fulham	Hammersmith and Fulham	Sunderland	North Eastern Education and Library Board
DAVIF-DEAN	Hammersmith and Fulham	Hammersmith and Fulham	Cumbria	North Eastern Education and Library Board
DEAO-DEL	Hammersmith and Fulham	Hammersmith and Fulham	Durham	North Eastern Education and Library Board
DEM-DIL	Greenwich	Greenwich	Durham	North Eastern Education and Library Board
DIM-DOS	Greenwich	Greenwich	Darlington	North Eastern Education and Library Board
DOT-DOZ	Greenwich	Greenwich	Gateshead	North Eastern Education and Library Board
DP-DRY	Greenwich	Croydon	Gateshead	North Eastern Education and Library Board
DRZ-DUL	Hackney	Croydon	Gateshead	North Eastern Education and Library Board
DUM-DZ	Hackney	Croydon	South Tyneside	North Eastern Education and Library Board
EA-ELK	Hackney	Hackney	Newcastle upon Tyne	Westmeath County Library

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ELL-EZ	Hackney	Hackney	Northumberland	Westmeath County Library
FAA-FAN	Hackney	Buckinghamshire	Cumbria	Western Education and Library Board
FAO-FAT	Hackney	Buckinghamshire	Redcar and Cleveland	Western Education and Library Board
FAU-FISG	Hackney	Buckinghamshire	Cumbria	Western Education and Library Board
FISH-FLO	Hackney	Buckinghamshire	Redcar and Cleveland	Western Education and Library Board
FLP-FORD	Hackney	Buckinghamshire	North Tyneside	Western Education and Library Board
FORE-FORS	Hackney	Buckinghamshire	Newcastle upon Tyne	Western Education and Library Board
FORT-FOZ	Hackney	Buckinghamshire	Redcar and Cleveland	Western Education and Library Board
FRAA-FRAN	Hammersmith and Fulham	Buckinghamshire	Redcar and Cleveland	Western Education and Library Board
FRAO-FRAZ	Hammersmith and Fulham	Buckinghamshire	Cumbria	Western Education and Library Board
FRB-FZ	Hammersmith and Fulham	Buckinghamshire	North Tyneside	Western Education and Library Board
GAA-GAI	Hammersmith and Fulham	Hertfordshire	Lincolnshire	North Eastern Education and Library Board
GAJ-GD	Hammersmith and Fulham	Hertfordshire	Nottinghamshire	North Eastern Education and Library Board
GE-GH	Hammersmith and Fulham	Hertfordshire	Suffolk	North Eastern Education and Library Board
GIA-GIK	Hammersmith and Fulham	Hertfordshire	Cambridgeshire	North Eastern Education and Library Board
GIL	Hammersmith and Fulham	Hertfordshire	Norfolk	North Eastern Education and Library Board
GIM-GN	Hammersmith and Fulham	Hertfordshire	Lincolnshire	North Eastern Education and Library Board
GOA-GOM	Camden	Hertfordshire	Cambridgeshire	North Eastern Education and Library Board

<b>Allocation</b>	<b>English 1A</b>	<b>English 1B</b>	<b>English 2</b>	<b>Irish</b>
GON-GOO	Camden	Hertfordshire	Suffolk	North Eastern Education and Library Board
GOP-GOZ	Camden	Hertfordshire	Nottinghamshire	North Eastern Education and Library Board
GP-GRAN	Camden	Hertfordshire	Lincolnshire	North Eastern Education and Library Board
GRAO-GRE	Camden	Hertfordshire	Norfolk	North Eastern Education and Library Board
GRF-GZ	Islington	Hertfordshire	Lincolnshire	North Eastern Education and Library Board
HAA-HAK	Islington	Islington	Lincolnshire	Southern Education and Library Board
HAL	Islington	Islington	Northamptonshire	Southern Education and Library Board
HAM	Islington	Islington	Derby	Southern Education and Library Board
HAN-HARC	Islington	Islington	Lincolnshire	Southern Education and Library Board
HARD-HARZ	Islington	Islington	Leicestershire	Southern Education and Library Board
HAS-HAT	Islington	Islington	Cambridgeshire	Southern Education and Library Board
HAU-HAZ	Islington	Islington	Northamptonshire	Southern Education and Library Board
HB-HEA	Islington	Islington	Nottinghamshire	Southern Education and Library Board
HEB-HEM	Islington	Islington	Suffolk	Southern Education and Library Board
HEN-HEP	Islington	Islington	Leicestershire	Southern Education and Library Board
HEQ-HET	Islington	Islington	Nottinghamshire	Southern Education and Library Board
HEU-HEZ	Islington	Islington	Derby	Southern Education and Library Board
HF-HH	Islington	Islington	Cambridgeshire	Southern Education and Library Board



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HIA-HIG	Islington	Islington	Cambridgeshire	South Eastern Education and Library Board
HIH-HIL	Islington	Islington	Derby	South Eastern Education and Library Board
HIM-HIR	Islington	Islington	Leicestershire	South Eastern Education and Library Board
HIS-HIZ	Islington	Islington	Derby	South Eastern Education and Library Board
HJ-HN	Islington	Islington	Suffolk	South Eastern Education and Library Board
HOA-HOK	Islington	Enfield	Suffolk	South Eastern Education and Library Board
HOL	Islington	Enfield	Lincolnshire	South Eastern Education and Library Board
HOM-HOY	Islington	Enfield	Nottinghamshire	South Eastern Education and Library Board
HOZ-HUD	Kensington and Chelsea	Enfield	Nottinghamshire	South Eastern Education and Library Board
HUE-HUL	Kensington and Chelsea	Enfield	Norfolk	South Eastern Education and Library Board
HUM-HUN	Kensington and Chelsea	Enfield	Cambridgeshire	South Eastern Education and Library Board
HUO-HUZ	Kensington and Chelsea	Enfield	Northamptonshire	South Eastern Education and Library Board
HV-HZ	Kensington and Chelsea	Enfield	Derby	South Eastern Education and Library Board
IA-IM	Kensington and Chelsea	City of London	Derby	Western Education and Library Board
IN-IZ	Kensington and Chelsea	City of London	Suffolk	Western Education and Library Board
JAA-JAL	Kensington and Chelsea	Ealing	Norfolk	South Dublin County Libraries

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JAM	Kensington and Chelsea	Ealing	Lincolnshire	South Dublin County Libraries
JAN-JAZ	Kensington and Chelsea	Ealing	Derby	South Dublin County Libraries
JB-JEM	Kensington and Chelsea	Ealing	Northamptonshire	South Dublin County Libraries
JEN-JI	Kensington and Chelsea	Ealing	Nottinghamshire	South Dublin County Libraries
JJ-JOO	Kensington and Chelsea	Ealing	Leicestershire	South Dublin County Libraries
JOP-JOZ	Kensington and Chelsea	Ealing	Derby	South Dublin County Libraries
JP-JZ	Kensington and Chelsea	Ealing	Northamptonshire	South Dublin County Libraries
KA	Kensington and Chelsea	Kingston upon Thames	Dudley	Kildare County Library
KB-KEL	Kensington and Chelsea	Kingston upon Thames	Staffordshire	Kildare County Library
KEM	Lambeth	Lambeth	Telford and Wrekin	Kildare County Library
KEN	Lambeth	Lambeth	Solihull	Kildare County Library
KEO-KIM	Lambeth	Lambeth	Warwickshire	Kildare County Library
KIN-KN	Lambeth	Lambeth	Staffordshire	Kildare County Library
KO-KZ	Lambeth	Lambeth	Stoke-on-Trent	Kildare County Library
LAA-LAM	Lambeth	East Sussex	Wolverhampton	Dublin City Libraries
LAN-LAQ	Lambeth	East Sussex	Warwickshire	Dublin City Libraries
LAR-LED	Lambeth	East Sussex	Staffordshire	Dublin City Libraries
LEE-LEV	Lambeth	East Sussex	Dudley	Dublin City Libraries
LEW-LEZ	Lambeth	East Sussex	Birmingham	Dublin City Libraries
LF-LOD	Lambeth	East Sussex	Staffordshire	Dublin City Libraries
LOE-LOR	Lambeth	East Sussex	Worcestershire	Dublin City Libraries
LOS-LZ	Lambeth	East Sussex	Warwickshire	Dublin City Libraries
MAA-MacB	Lewisham	Lewisham	Warwickshire	Dublin City Libraries
MacC-MacD	Lewisham	Lewisham	Sandwell	Dublin City Libraries
MacE-MacK	Lewisham	Lewisham	Wolverhampton	Dublin City Libraries

Allocation	English 1A	English 1B	English 2	Irish
MacL-MacN	Lewisham	Lewisham	Birmingham	Dublin City Libraries
MacO-MAL	Lewisham	Lewisham	Worcestershire	Dublin City Libraries
MAM-MARN	Lewisham	Havering	Staffordshire	Dublin City Libraries
MARO-MARZ	Lewisham	Havering	Shropshire	Dublin City Libraries
MAS-MAX	Lewisham	Havering	Worcestershire	Dublin City Libraries
MAY	Lewisham	Havering	Staffordshire	Dublin City Libraries
MAZ	Westminster	Harrow	Staffordshire	Dublin City Libraries
MEA-MER	Westminster	Harrow	Coventry	Dublin City Libraries
MES-MIL	Westminster	Harrow	Sandwell	Dublin City Libraries
MIM-MIZ	Westminster	Harrow	Dudley	Dublin City Libraries
MJ-MN	Westminster	Harrow	Herefordshire	Dublin City Libraries
MOA-MOO	Westminster	Hillingdon	Herefordshire	Dublin City Libraries
MOP-MOR	Westminster	Hillingdon	Walsall	Dublin City Libraries
MOS-MUQ	Westminster	Hillingdon	Shropshire	Dublin City Libraries
MUR-MZ	Westminster	Hillingdon	Sandwell	Dublin City Libraries
N	Westminster	Westminster	YLI HQ	Limerick County Library
O	Westminster	Westminster	YLI HQ	Limerick City Library
PA-PIC	Tower Hamlets	Surrey	YLI HQ	Kilkenny County Library
PID-PK	Camden	Surrey	YLI HQ	Kilkenny County Library
PL-PZ	Camden	Surrey	YLI HQ	Clare County Library
Q	Camden	Surrey	YLI HQ	Wexford County Library
RA-RN	Camden	Camden	YLI HQ	Wicklow County Library
RO-RZ	Southwark	Redbridge	YLI HQ	Wicklow County Library
SA-SS	Essex	Essex	YLI HQ	Cork City Library
ST-SZ	Tower Hamlets	Tower Hamlets	YLI HQ	Cork City Library
TA-THI	Tower Hamlets	Hounslow	<i>adult:</i> Plymouth, <i>junior:</i> Dorset	Meath County Library
THJ-THZ	Hackney	Hounslow	<i>adult:</i> Plymouth <i>junior:</i> Dorset	Meath County Library
TI	Hackney	Merton	<i>adult:</i> Plymouth <i>junior:</i> Dorset	Meath County Library

Allocation	English 1A	English 1B	English 2	Irish
TJ-TRD	Hackney	Merton	<i>adult:</i> Bristol <i>junior:</i> Dorset	Meath County Library
TRE-TZ	Wandsworth	Richmond upon Thames	<i>adult:</i> Bristol <i>junior:</i> Dorset	Meath County Library
U	Wandsworth	Waltham Forest	<i>adult:</i> Bristol <i>junior:</i> Gloucestershire	Kerry County Library
V	Wandsworth	Waltham Forest	<i>adult:</i> Bristol <i>junior:</i> Gloucestershire	Roscommon County Library
WA-WEB	Wandsworth	Kent	<i>adult:</i> Devon <i>junior:</i> Wiltshire	Fingal County Libraries
WEC-WI	Westminster	Kent	<i>adult:</i> Devon <i>junior:</i> Wiltshire	Fingal County Libraries
WJ-WZ	Greenwich	Kent	<i>adult:</i> Devon <i>junior:</i> Wiltshire	Fingal County Libraries
X	Greenwich	Sutton	<i>adult pre-1997:</i> Hampshire <i>adult post-1997:</i> Portsmouth <i>junior:</i> Isle of Wight	Laois County Library
Y	Greenwich	Sutton	<i>adult pre-1997:</i> Hampshire <i>adult post-1997:</i> Portsmouth <i>junior:</i> Isle of Wight	Tipperary Joint Libraries Committee
Z	Greenwich	Sutton	<i>adult pre-1997:</i> Hampshire <i>adult post-1997:</i> Portsmouth <i>junior:</i> Isle of Wight	Laois County Library

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