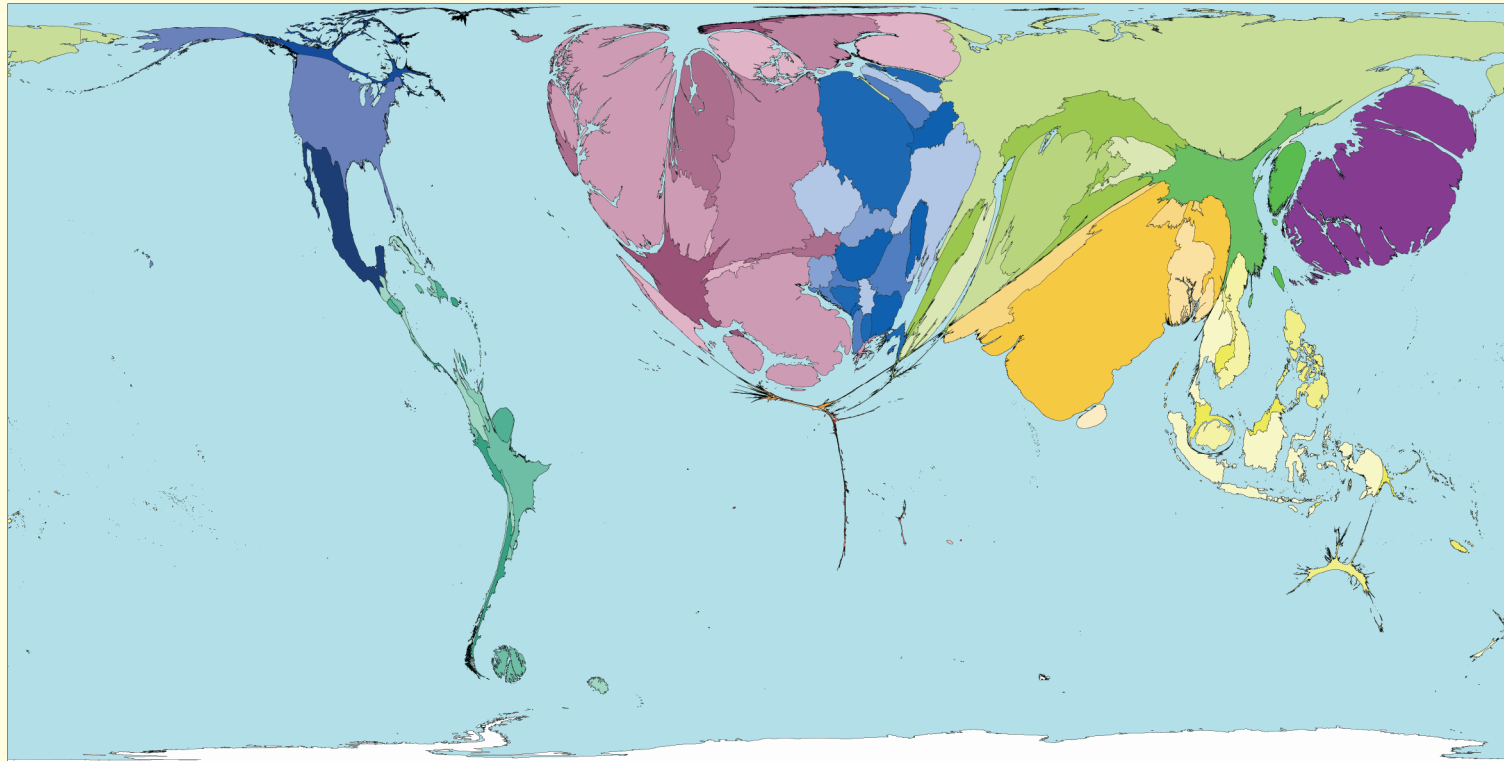


Books Borrowed

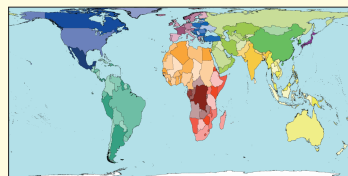


This map shows books borrowed from public libraries - which lend books to members for free or for a nominal charge. Libraries share books, making it unnecessary for us to buy books that we will read only once or twice.

The most books borrowed were in the Russian Federation. There were high rates of borrowing in Western Europe, Japan and Eastern Europe. In these regions most territories reported some book borrowing.

In other regions reported book borrowing was lower, and many territories reported very little borrowing. Where many people cannot afford books, it appears they often cannot borrow them either.

Territory size shows the proportion of all library books borrowed that were borrowed there.



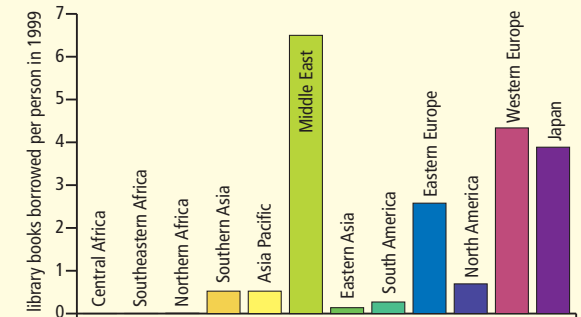
Land area

HIGH AND LOW BOOK BORROWERS

Rank	Territory	Value	Rank	Territory	Value
1	Finland	19	141	Ecuador	0.0938
2	Denmark	14	142	Bahamas	0.0681
3	Estonia	12	143	Turkey	0.0577
4	Netherlands	10	144	Togo	0.0288
5	Sweden	9	145	Sierra Leone	0.0094
6	Latvia	9	168	Saudi Arabia	0.0033
7	Slovenia	8	170	Uganda	0.0030
8	United Kingdom	8	189	Myanmar	0.0019
9	Russian Federation	8	199	Rwanda	0.0018
10	Iceland	7	200	Burkina Faso	0.0005

books borrowed per person in 1999*

LIBRARY LENDING



Technical notes

- Data are from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation's on-line statistics, 2005.
- *Territories for which data have been estimated are not shown in the table. No data were provided for Southern Asia, so estimated were made from Asia Pacific rates.
- See website for further information.

“In vain have you acquired knowledge, if you have not imparted it to others.” Deuteronomy Rabbah, undated