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### **Top 20 Circulating Fiction & Nonfiction Books in 2002 Announced**

Author John Grisham is a popular read in Cincinnati. Last year his book, *The Summons*, was the highest circulating fiction title at the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County. Copies of this title were checked out 6,436 times. That makes the fifth year in a row that one of Grisham's books took the honor of the most popular new fiction book (*Painted House: A Novel*, *Brethren*, *Testament*, and *The Street Lawyer* topped the list in 2001, 2000, 1999 and 1998 respectively.)

Nearly as popular was Ernest J. Gaines' book *A Lesson Before Dying*, which was also the selection last spring for the community-wide book club "On the Same Page Cincinnati," circulating 6,254 times. Mary Higgins Clark continued to remain prolific with two books in the Top 20: *Daddy's Little Girl* (4,408) and *He Sees You When You're Sleeping* (2,960).

In nonfiction, David G. McCullough's *John Adams* remained the most popular book for the second year in a row, checked out 1,199 times. *Bias: A CBS Insider Exposes How the Media Distort the News* by Bernard Goldberg was the second highest circulated title at 768, with Barbara Olson's *Final Days: The Last Desperate Abuses of Power by the Clinton White House* coming in third at 748.

"A good selection of bestsellers is always available to our Library users," said Executive Director Kimber L. Fender. "By tracking circulation trends and assessing changing literary tastes it helps the Library be more responsive to user demand and current interests. The Library wants to encourage its readers to stop by often to take advantage of the wide selection of books by their favorite authors."

## Top 20 Circulating Fiction & Nonfiction Titles for 2002

### Fiction:

- *The Summons* by John Grisham (6,436)
- *A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest J. Gaines (6,254)
- *Daddy's Little Girl* by Mary Higgins Clark (4,048)
- *The Beach House: A Novel* by James Patterson (3,157)
- *Isle of Dogs* by Patricia Daniels Cornwell (3,102)
- *He Sees You When You're Sleeping* by Mary Higgins Clark (2,960)
- *The Kiss* by Danielle Steel (2,885)
- *Violets Are Blue: A Novel* by James Patterson (2,731)
- *Midnight Bayou* by Nora Roberts (2,689)
- *The Cottage* by Danielle Steel (2,642)
- *Hard Eight* by Janet Evanovich (2,382)
- *The Three Fates* by Nora Roberts (2,300)
- *"P" Is for Peril* by Sue Grafton (2,227)
- *The Corrections* by Jonathan Franzen (2,185)
- *Three Weeks in Paris* by Barbara Taylor Bradford (2,173)
- *Flesh and Blood: A Novel* by Jonathan Kellerman (2,099)
- *Sunset in Saint Tropez* by Danielle Steel (2,080)
- *Widow's Walk* by Robert B. Parker (2,029)
- *Smoke in Mirrors* by Jayne Ann Krentz (1,963)
- *Everything's Eventual: 14 Dark Tales* by Stephen King (1,934)

### Nonfiction:

- *John Adams* by David G. McCullough (1,199)
- *Bias: A CBS Insider Exposes How the Media Distort the News* by Bernard Goldberg (768)
- *Final Days: The Last Desperate Abuses of Power by the Clinton White House* by Barbara Olson (748)
- *Every Breath You Take: A True Story of Obsession, Revenge, and Murder* by Ann Rule (724)
- *Self Matters: Creating Your Life from the Inside Out* by Phillip C. McGraw (708)
- *Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting by in America* by Barbara Ehrenreich (592)
- *A Beautiful Mind: A Biography* by Sylvia Nasar (559)
- *Tuesdays with Morrie: An Old Man, a Young Man, and Life's Greatest Lesson* by Mitch Albom (519)
- *Shifra Stein's Day Trips from Cincinnati* (451)
- *Justice: Crimes, Trials, and Punishments* by Dominick Dunne (402)
- *Lucky Man: A Memoir* by Michael J. Fox (399)
- *Stupid White Men and Other Sorry Excuses for the State of the Nation!* by Michael Moore (336)

- *Lost Boy: A Foster Child's Search for the Love of a Family* by David J. Pelzer (332)
- *Jim Borgman: My 25 Years at the Cincinnati Enquirer* by Jim Borgman (324)
- *Lord of the Rings: Official Movie Guide* by Brian Sibley (319)
- *Who Moved My Cheese? An Amazing Way to Deal with Change* by Spencer Johnson (310)
- *Small House Big Style* edited by Paula Marshall (308)
- *The Bureau and the Mole: The Unmasking of David Philip Hanssen* by David A. Vise (308)
- *Big Honkin' Zits: A Zits Treasury* by Jerry Scott (306)
- *Sacred Contracts: Awakening your Divine Potential* by Caroline M. Myss (300)