



Kirjakori

Annual statistics on Finnish
Children's and Youth
Literature 2023

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- The number of children's and youth books has been recorded in the Kirjakori statistics since 2001.
- The annual Kirjakori statistics overview is based on the books donated by creators and publishers.
- Kirjakori 2023 overview and exhibition includes 1322 books for children and youth
- All categories of books are showcased in the exhibition, from picture books to chapter books and novels for young adults and new adults, as well as poetry, comics, and non-fiction.
- There are books from 129 domestic and foreign publishers.
- The percentage of domestic books in Kirjakori is almost 51%, making it more than 50% for the seventh year in row.
- There are 27 Finnish-Swedish books written in Swedish, and six Sámi language books included in the domestic books (3 Skolt Sámi, 2 x Inari Sámi, 1 x Northern Sámi).
- There are also 23 plain language books and 4 bilingual books (2 Finnish-Swedish, 2 Finnish-Ukrainian).
- Fennica search 4.4.24: children's and youth titles 1123, comics 196, total 1319 (includes translations, new editions, e-books, and audio books).
- Estimate: There were around 1400 books published for 0–18-year-old target audiences in Finland in 2023.

Books in Kirjakori 2001–2023

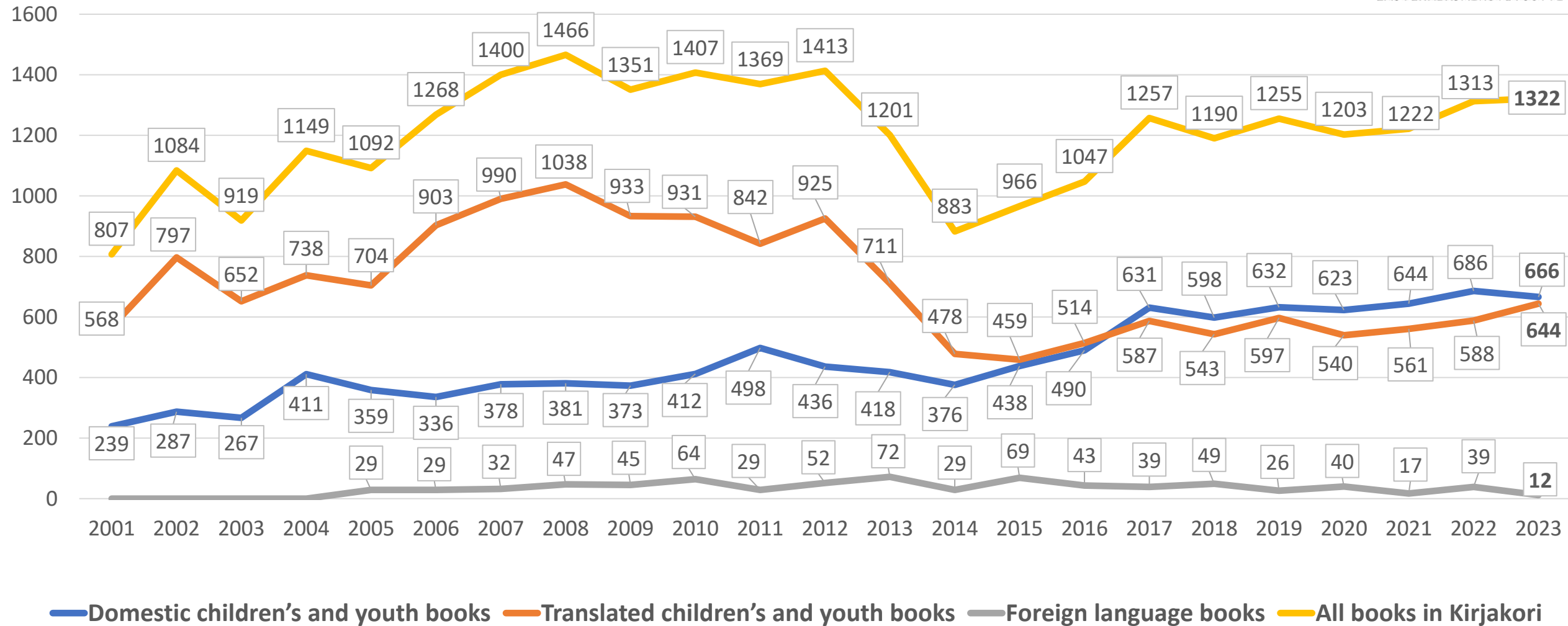


Figure 1. Books in Kirjakori 2001–2023.

N.B. Foreign language books, for example translations of Finnish creators' works into other languages, have been a separate category since 2005. From 2014 only a selection of translated comics have been included in the library's collection..

Categories in children's and youth literature

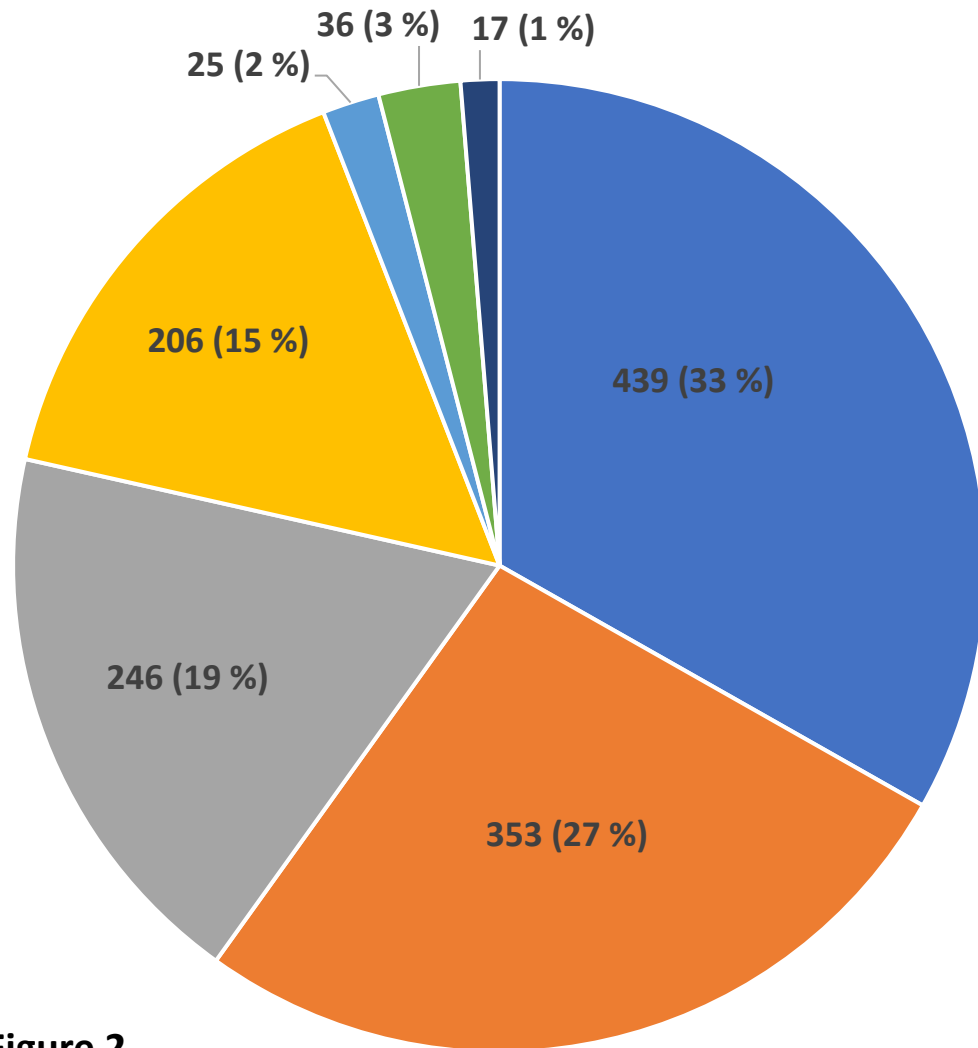


Figure 2.
All children's and youth literature by category (1322 books).

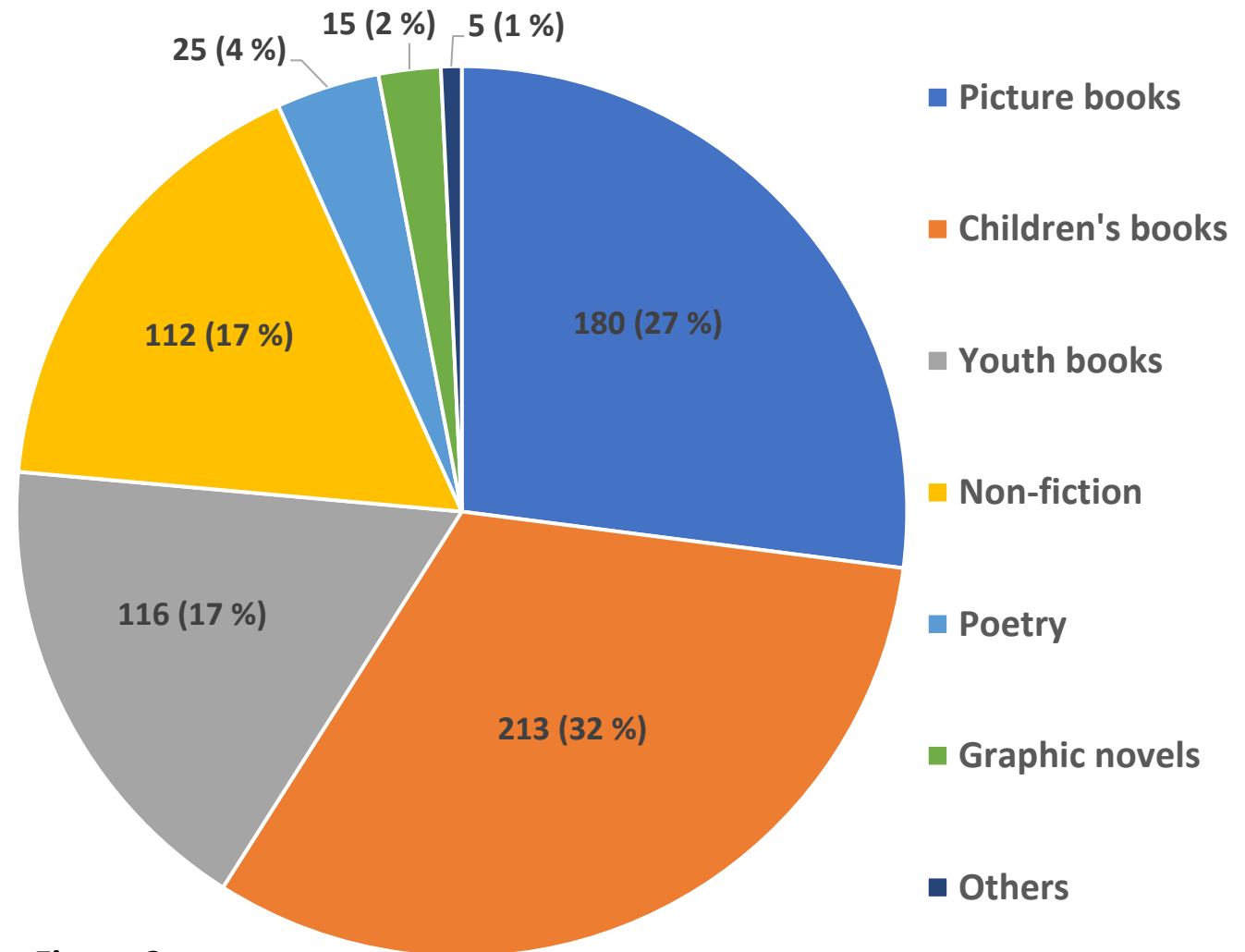


Figure 3.
Domestic children's and youth literature by category (666 books).

Categories in domestic children's and youth literature 2018–2023

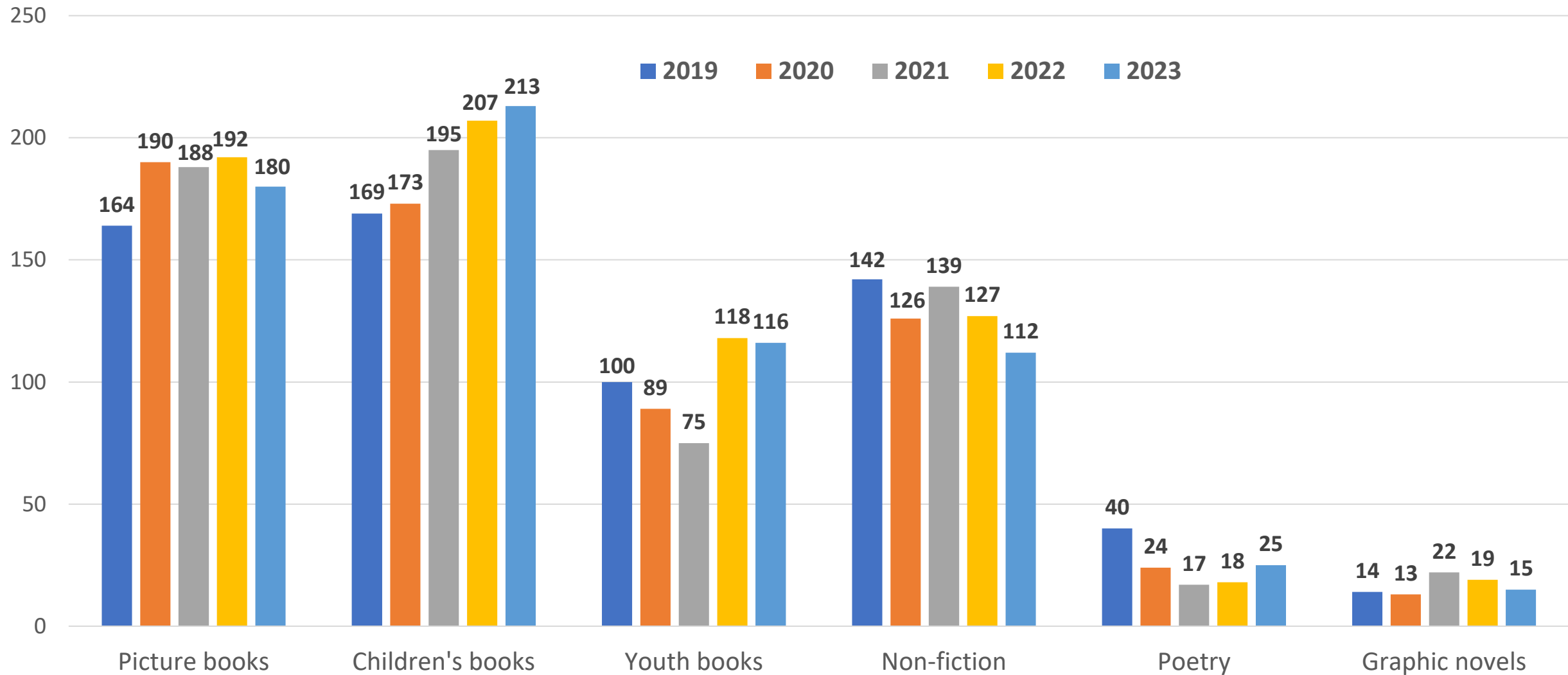


Figure 4. Domestic children's and youth literature by category 2018–2023.

Children's and youth books by original language

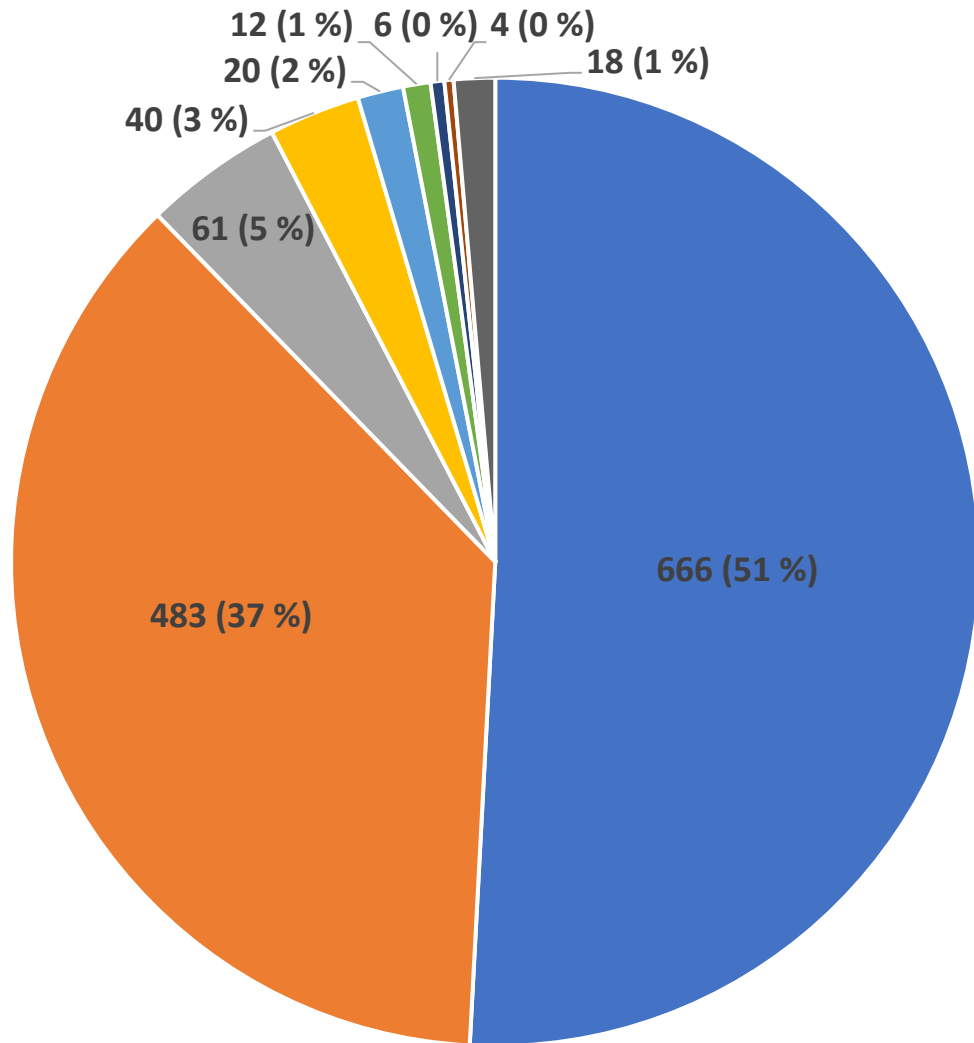


Figure 5. Children's and youth books by original language (1310 books, no foreign language books).

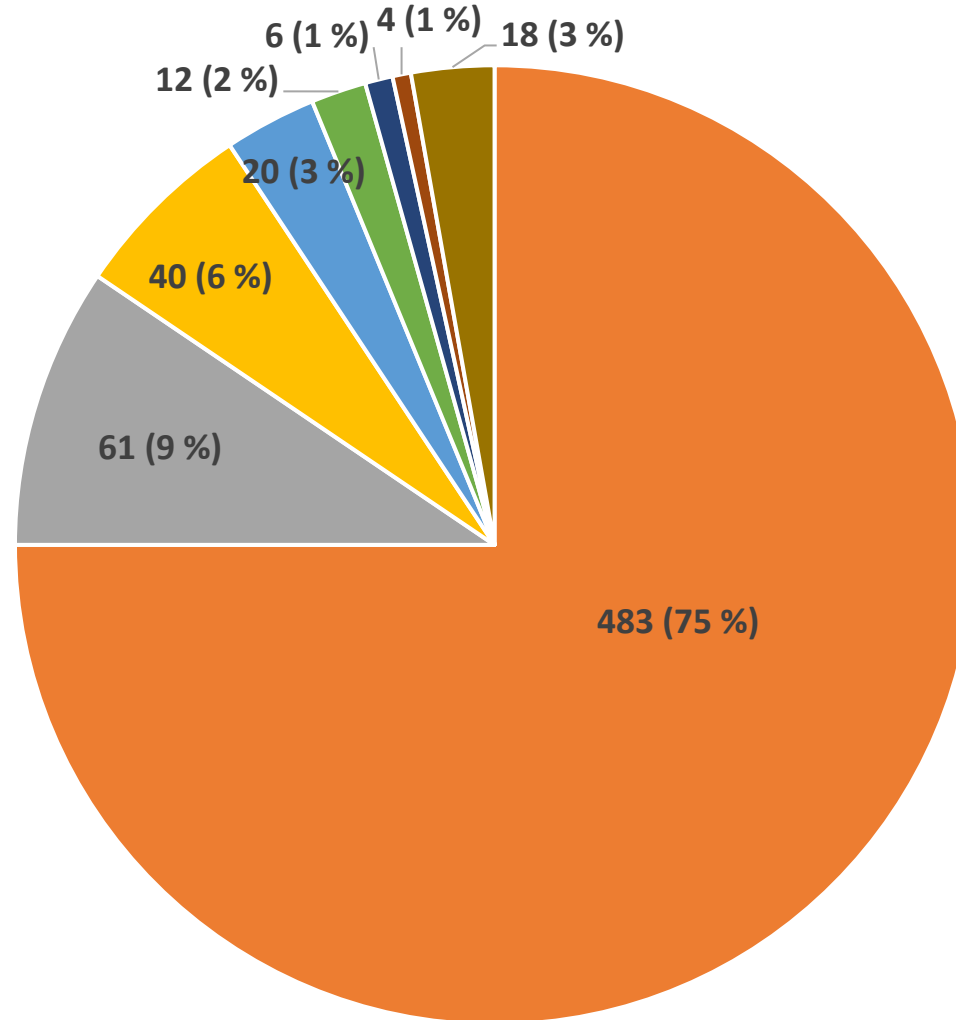
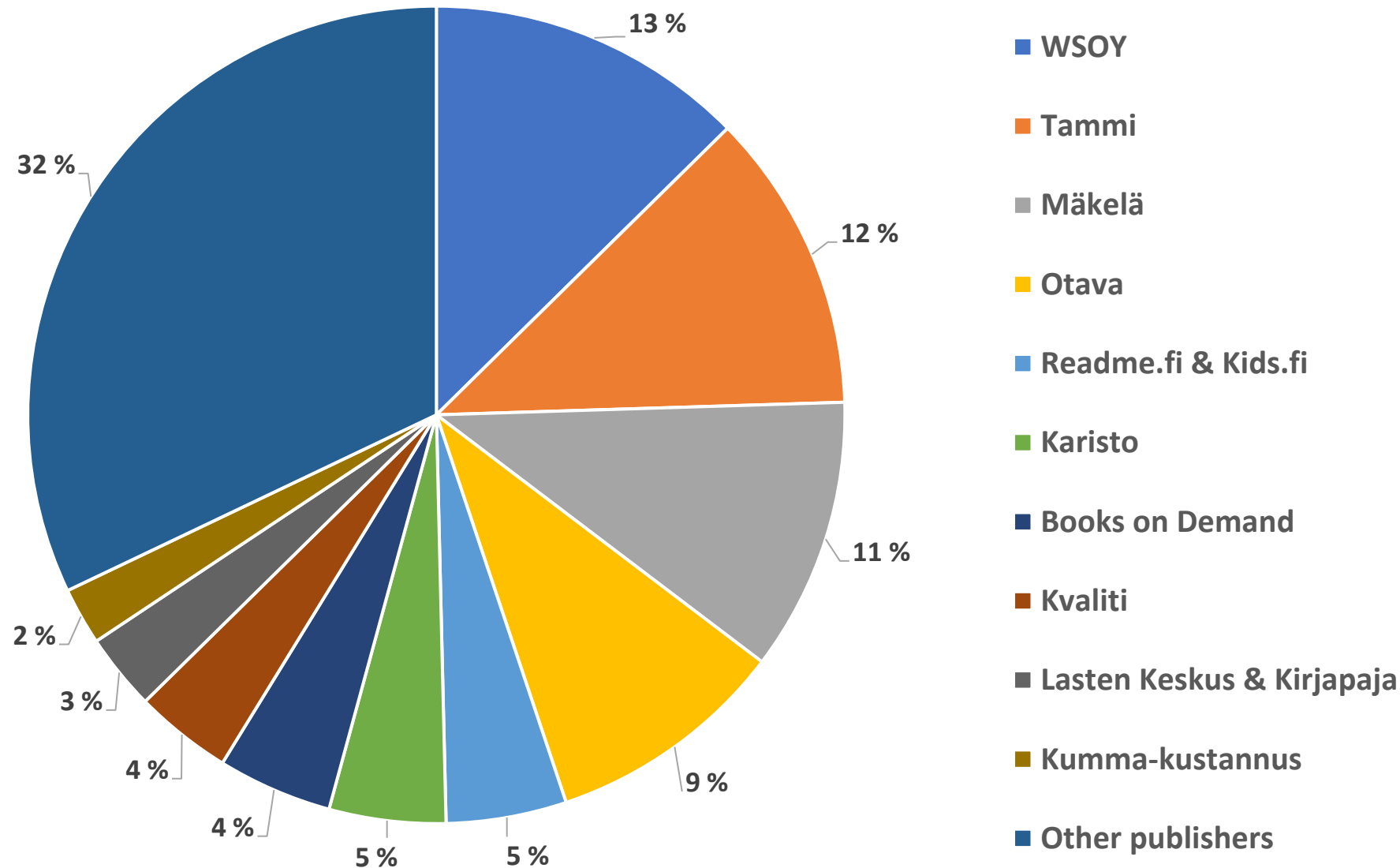


Figure 6. Children's and youth books by original language (644 books, no domestic or foreign language books).

- Domestic
- English
- Swedish
- German
- French
- Norwegian
- Danish
- Lithuanian
- Other

Other languages: Czech, Dutch, Estonian, Italian, Japanese, Latvian, Polish, Slovenian, Spanish, Ukrainian.

Publishers of children's and youth books



Kirjakori 2023 includes books from 129 domestic and foreign publishers. In Kirjakori 2022 there were books from 142 publishers.

10 publishers published around 68% of the books in Kirjakori 2023.

Figure 7. 10 biggest publishers by the number of titles in Kirjakori 2023.

Picture books 2001–2023

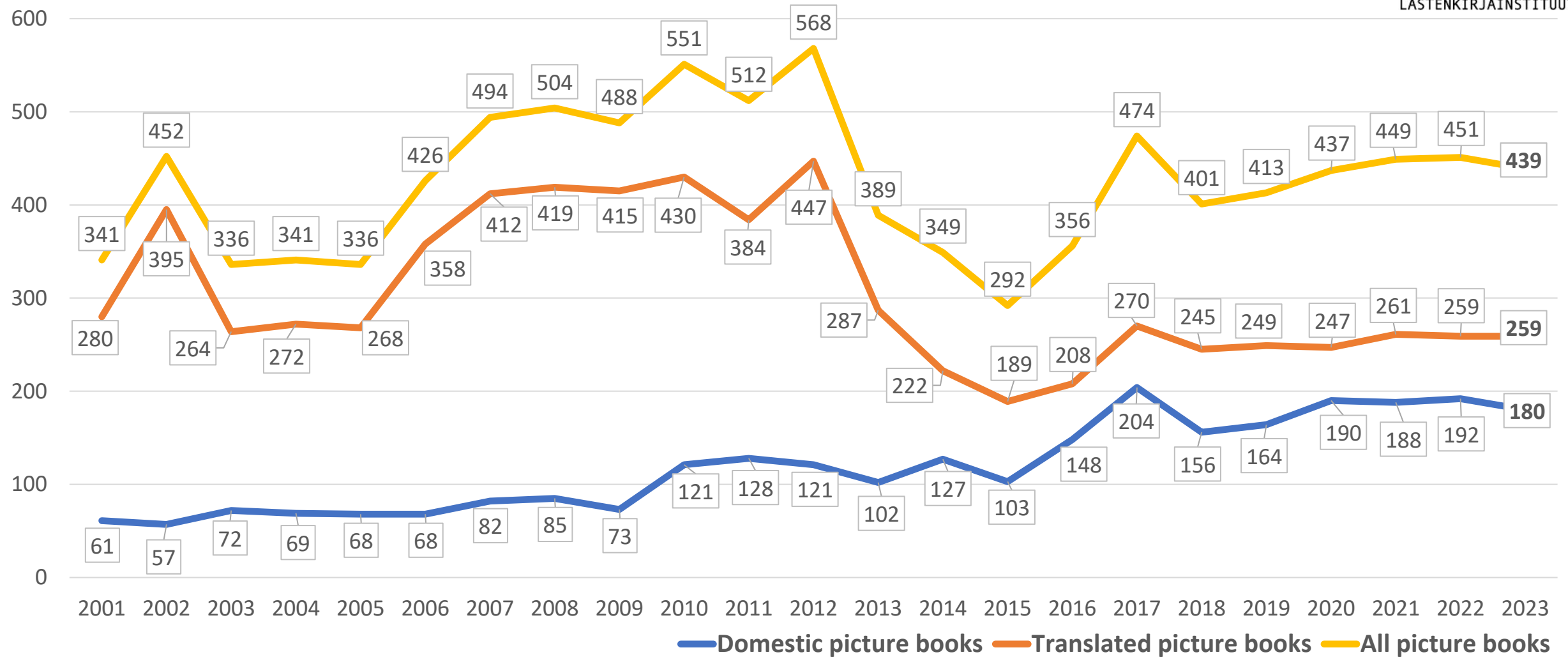


Figure 8. Domestic and translated picture books 2001–2023.

Children's books 2001–2023

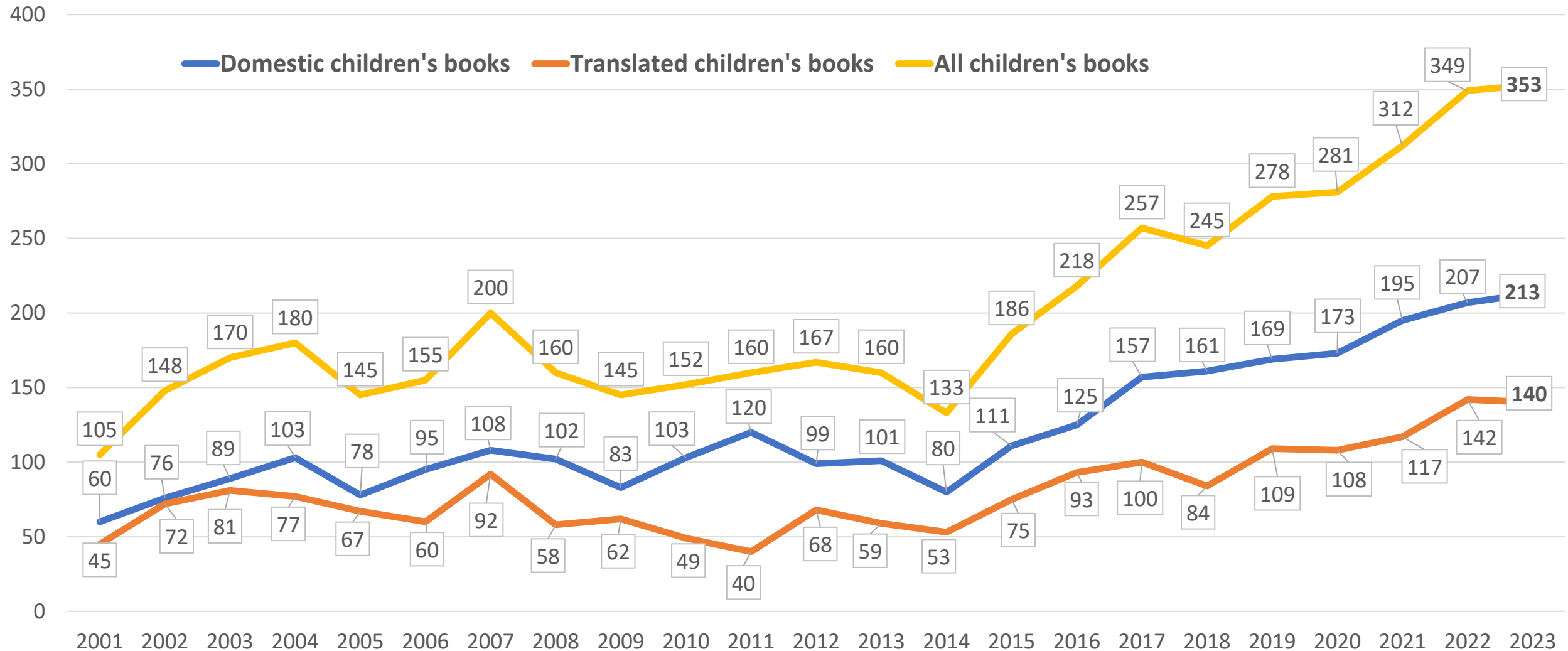


Figure 9. Domestic and translated children's books 2001–2023.

Youth books 2001–2023

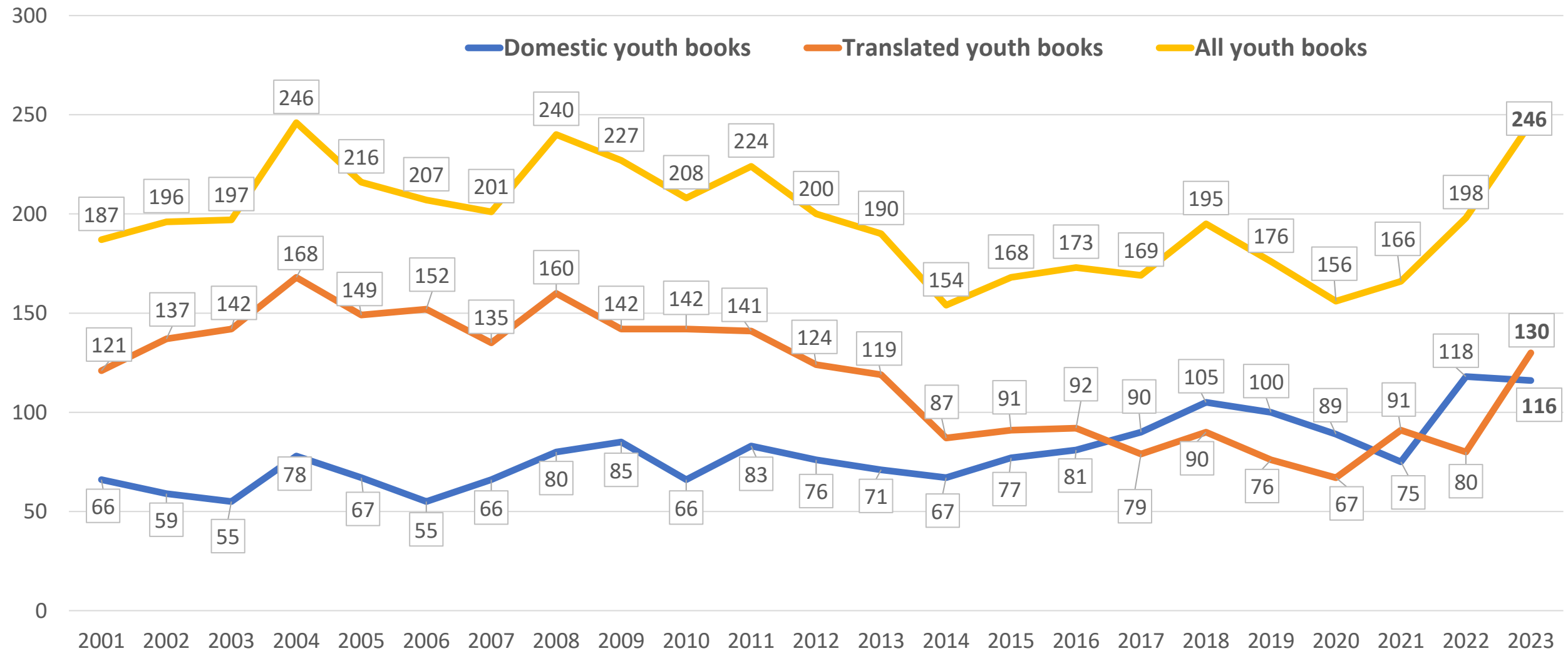


Figure 10. Domestic and translated youth books 2001–2023.

Non-fiction 2001–2023

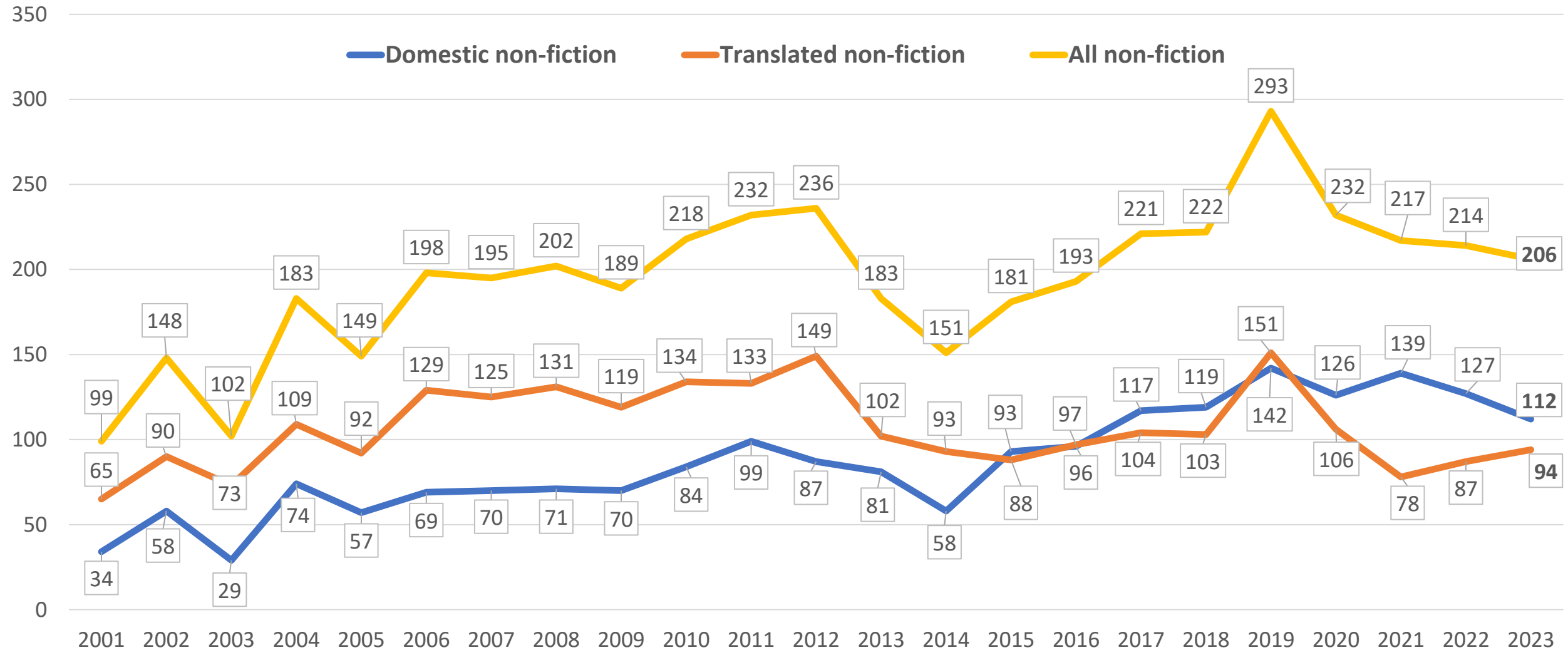


Figure 11. Domestic and translated non-fiction 2001–2023.

Kirjakori statistics: last five years

Table 1.Kirjakori statistics 2019–2023.

KIRJAKORI STATISTICS	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
PICTURE BOOKS					
Domestic picture books	164	190	188	192	180
Translated picture books	249	247	261	259	259
TOTAL	413	437	449	451	439
CHILDREN'S BOOKS					
Domestic children's books	169	173	195	207	213
Translated children's books	109	108	117	142	140
TOTAL	278	281	312	349	353
YOUTH BOOKS					
Translated children's books	100	89	75	118	116
Translated youth books	76	67	91	80	130
TOTAL	176	156	166	198	246
POETRY					
Domestic poetry	40	24	17	18	25
Translated poetry	0	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	40	25	17	18	25
COMICS AND GRAPHIC NOVELS					
Domestic comics and graphic novels	14	13	22	19	15
Translated comics and graphics novels	12	11	14	19	21
TOTAL	26	24	36	38	36
NON-FICTION					
Domestic non-fiction	142	126	139	127	112
Translated non-fiction	151	106	78	87	94
TOTAL	293	232	217	214	206
OTHER (ABC books, plays, joke books)	3	8	8	6	5
FOREIGN LANGUAGE BOOKS	26	40	17	39	12
TOTAL	1255	1203	1222	1313	1322



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