

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

1. What were the attendance figures and number of library materials borrowed of each public library in the past 3 calendar years?
2. Is there any plan to renovate or reconstruct the static public libraries or provide additional ones for the coming year? If so, what are the details?
3. Regarding the top 10 books in terms of circulation in the past 3 calendar years, what were the number of copies in the library collection and number of loans (please provide a breakdown by adult Chinese fiction, adult Chinese non-fiction, junior Chinese fiction, junior Chinese non-fiction, adult English fiction, adult English non-fiction, junior English fiction and junior English non-fiction)?
4. What were the number of e-book collections and loans of e-books of public libraries in each of the past 3 calendar years? What was the expenditure incurred by the acquisition of e-books in the past 3 years and what is the estimated expenditure for the coming year?
5. What were the number of books reported lost, the number of books written off, as well as the amount of outstanding overdue fines over the past 3 years?

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Reply:

1. The attendance figures and number of loans of each of the public libraries under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in the past 3 years are tabulated at **Annex I** and **Annex II**.
2. The LCSD's library facilities of which construction, reprovisioning or renovation are underway/ being planned in the coming year are as follows:

<b>Static Library Facilities</b>	<b>Expected Commencement Date and Completion Date of the Projects</b>
<b>(a) Construction underway/planned</b>	
Sham Shui Po Public Library	Construction commenced in late 2016, expected to complete in 2021 for opening in 2022.
A new district library at Lei King Road in the Eastern District	Construction commenced in late 2020 and expected to complete in 2023.
<b>(b) Expansion</b>	
Sha Tau Kok Public Library	Interior fitting-out work now underway and expected to open in the second quarter of 2021.
Sau Mau Ping Public Library	Interior fitting-out work now underway and expected to open in the third quarter of 2021.
<b>(c) Proposed Renovation</b>	
Tsuen Wan Public Library	Works expected to complete in about 3.5 years, subject to funding approved by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in the 2020-21 legislative year.

3. The number of copies in the library collection and number of loans for the top 10 books in terms of circulation in the past 3 years are tabulated at **Annex III**.
4. As at 31 December 2020, the Hong Kong Public Libraries had acquired or subscribed to 11 e-book collections with about 378 000 items. The number of titles of the 11 e-book collections in the past 3 years is at **Annex IV**. Unlike physical library materials, e-book collections are hosted by service providers and licensed for library use at service providers' platforms through an annual subscription or a perpetual licence. Different service providers use different statistical elements, such as the number of e-books consulted, searches, tracks played and browses by category, to present the usage of their databases. The usage statistics of e-book collections in the past 3 years are at **Annex V**. The expenditures/estimates for the acquisition or subscription of e-book collections in the past 3 years and for the coming year are set out in the table below:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
2018-19	6.1
2019-20	6.1
2020-21 (Estimated)	6.2
2021-22 (Estimated)	7.3

5. The number of books reported lost, withdrawn and the amount of outstanding overdue fines not yet settled in the past 3 years are provided in the table below:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of Books Reported Lost</b>	<b>Number of Books Withdrawn</b>	<b>Amount of Outstanding Overdue Fines<sup>(1)</sup> (\$'000)</b>
2018-19	10 258	451 516	676
2019-20	7 945	460 300	875
2020-21	3 626 <sup>(2) (3)</sup>	132 334 <sup>(2) (3)</sup>	387

Notes

- (1) The amount accrued in the library system as at 6 March 2021.
- (2) Number of books reported lost and withdrawn as at 28 February 2021.
- (3) Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, libraries have been closed and services have been suspended temporarily and intermittently, leading to a corresponding decrease in the numbers of books reported lost and withdrawn.

**Attendance Figures of Public Libraries from 2018 to 2020**

Public Libraries		Attendance		
		2018	2019	2020 <sup>(1)</sup>
<b>Static Libraries</b>				
<b>Hong Kong Island</b>				
Central & Western	City Hall	793 917	775 753	220 059
	Shek Tong Tsui	495 452	498 227	102 616
	Smithfield	281 722	287 224	46 475
Eastern	Chai Wan	549 486	535 725	117 392
	Electric Road	252 381	245 964	39 064
	North Point	310 039	310 424	97 172
	Quarry Bay	510 706	469 714	77 953
	Siu Sai Wan	408 203	344 801	90 485
	Yiu Tung	166 915	138 323	25 558
Southern	Aberdeen	513 630	568 423	118 949
	Ap Lei Chau	225 641	220 945	33 633
	Pok Fu Lam	206 067	199 792	33 376
	Stanley	135 680	142 726	21 080
Wan Chai	Hong Kong Central Library	4 017 675	3 574 531	697 147
	Lockhart Road	527 578	478 967	122 409
	Wong Nai Chung	162 936	170 699	30 088
<b>Kowloon</b>				
Kowloon City	Hung Hom	318 146	306 972	51 219
	Kowloon	612 432	608 554	187 009
	Kowloon City	207 805	224 419	39 773
	To Kwa Wan	518 434	505 528	121 352
Kwun Tong	Lam Tin	909 935	834 507	162 562
	Lei Yue Mun	144 122	127 539	19 324
	Ngau Tau Kok	512 463	500 984	105 191
	Sau Mau Ping	148 151	141 518	29 841
	Shui Wo Street	535 129	533 874	109 498
	Shun Lee Estate	155 907	171 609	32 514

Public Libraries		Attendance		
		2018	2019	2020 <sup>(1)</sup>
Sham Shui Po	Lai Chi Kok	731 111	738 633	161 065
	Po On Road	913 356	907 345	173 029
	Shek Kip Mei	275 664	282 236	48 156
	Un Chau Street	280 572	277 223	41 384
Wong Tai Sin	Fu Shan	191 633	189 975	28 863
	Lok Fu	267 891	242 003	41 196
	Lung Hing	322 523	312 759	55 196
	Ngau Chi Wan	411 874	398 989	87 449
	San Po Kong	712 553	763 647	147 325
	Tsz Wan Shan	375 177	374 569	52 256
Yau Tsim Mong	Fa Yuen Street	546 933	512 452	114 315
	Tai Kok Tsui	431 427	425 891	54 899
	Tsim Sha Tsui	147 681	137 924	27 203
	Yau Ma Tei <sup>(2)</sup>	516 696	496 324	120 787
<b>New Territories</b>				
Islands	Cheung Chau	202 462	200 201	39 029
	Mui Wo	46 096	46 851	9 643
	North Lamma <sup>(3)</sup>	5 545	40 465	13 955
	Peng Chau	32 165	32 755	6 980
	South Lamma	1 493	1 411	272
	Tai O	32 035	31 596	6 221
	Tung Chung	477 226	443 792	108 752
Kwai Tsing	North Kwai Chung	486 513	478 854	115 881
	South Kwai Chung	649 216	625 753	104 272
	Tsing Yi	729 551	716 238	172 354
North	Fanling	610 178	604 924	142 950
	Fanling South	305 710	300 887	62 223
	Sha Tau Kok	27 025	24 339	4 406
	Sheung Shui	754 361	689 921	114 644
Sai Kung	Sai Kung	303 806	312 810	66 151
	Tiu Keng Leng	926 497	914 338	205 018
	Tseung Kwan O	667 166	636 857	127 574

Public Libraries		Attendance		
		2018	2019	2020 <sup>(1)</sup>
Sha Tin	Lek Yuen	215 587	203 445	27 372
	Ma On Shan	855 276	839 459	193 812
	Sha Tin	1 128 258	1 025 193	268 436
	Yuen Chau Kok	668 592	629 598	151 468
Tai Po	Tai Po	1 079 983	1 057 952	232 298
Tsuen Wan	Shek Wai Kok	118 578	116 105	9 408
	Tsuen Wan	1 185 457	1 107 659	274 373
Tuen Mun	Butterfly Estate	180 022	166 047	26 556
	Tai Hing	324 827	323 764	91 227
	Tuen Mun	1 285 027	1 253 363	334 696
Yuen Long	Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai	1 192 715	1 140 411	237 956
	Tin Shui Wai North	380 238	310 857	44 740
	Yuen Long	1 046 875	1 044 427	230 651
<b>Mobile Libraries</b>				
Mobile Libraries 1-12		390 759	389 315	88 091
<b>Total</b>		<b>36 054 882</b>	<b>34 687 299</b>	<b>7 396 271</b>

#### Notes

- (1) Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, all public libraries under the LCSD have been closed and services have been suspended temporarily and intermittently since 29 January 2020.
- (2) Yau Ma Tei Public Library (District Library) was reprovisioned to the new premises in December 2020.
- (3) North Lamma Public Library (Small Library) was reopened in June 2019 after in-situ reconstruction.

**Number of Loans of Public Libraries from 2018 to 2020**

Public Libraries		Number of Library Materials Borrowed		
		2018	2019	2020 <sup>(1)</sup>
<b>Static Libraries</b>				
<b>Hong Kong Island</b>				
Central and Western	City Hall	744 217	690 946	443 304
	Shek Tong Tsui	415 282	398 520	157 833
	Smithfield	223 077	217 984	49 717
Eastern	Chai Wan	479 382	474 732	263 138
	Electric Road	209 439	193 029	66 247
	North Point	227 306	222 810	76 772
	Quarry Bay	448 361	479 828	243 952
	Siu Sai Wan	243 350	222 404	69 866
	Yiu Tung	138 731	136 011	68 179
Southern	Aberdeen	465 602	441 752	318 064
	Ap Lei Chau	257 602	250 294	80 791
	Pok Fu Lam	197 425	190 121	109 309
	Stanley	120 883	117 276	65 195
Wan Chai	Hong Kong Central Library	1 441 725	1 258 886	590 172
	Lockhart Road	397 687	369 215	146 447
	Wong Nai Chung	99 255	104 578	37 127
<b>Kowloon</b>				
Kowloon City	Hung Hom	296 243	277 490	63 262
	Kowloon	660 888	673 913	486 117
	Kowloon City	225 708	208 457	77 229
	To Kwa Wan	338 575	370 519	147 794
Kwun Tong	Lam Tin	577 396	528 385	217 355
	Lei Yue Mun	197 976	186 325	71 430
	Ngau Tau Kok	390 568	361 012	137 319
	Sau Mau Ping	146 379	137 484	58 343
	Shui Wo Street	422 786	397 010	143 907
	Shun Lee Estate	227 833	252 448	150 357

Public Libraries		Number of Library Materials Borrowed		
		2018	2019	2020 <sup>(1)</sup>
Sham Shui Po	Lai Chi Kok	631 141	572 635	270 271
	Po On Road	462 005	465 377	180 760
	Shek Kip Mei	299 217	312 519	214 213
	Un Chau Street	169 225	149 053	56 373
Wong Tai Sin	Fu Shan	123 952	111 075	24 375
	Lok Fu	195 809	179 465	54 903
	Lung Hing	190 762	168 293	42 973
	Ngau Chi Wan	490 625	453 333	234 897
	San Po Kong	451 775	448 184	175 472
	Tsz Wan Shan	248 403	291 255	142 401
Yau Tsim Mong	Fa Yuen Street	409 507	367 887	119 369
	Tai Kok Tsui	320 238	318 050	163 650
	Tsim Sha Tsui	287 119	288 761	150 990
	Yau Ma Tei <sup>(2)</sup>	441 017	419 184	231 488
<b>New Territories</b>				
Islands	Cheung Chau	73 437	65 797	19 839
	Mui Wo	22 588	24 747	6 710
	North Lamma <sup>(3)</sup>	10 855	22 839	10 663
	Peng Chau	33 498	35 409	25 288
	South Lamma	426	382	110
	Tai O	7 473	7 087	11 435
	Tung Chung	547 635	504 536	247 806
Kwai Tsing	North Kwai Chung	273 956	268 252	115 571
	South Kwai Chung	576 572	533 589	318 228
	Tsing Yi	520 843	507 833	200 954
North	Fanling	449 615	433 710	243 378
	Fanling South	239 250	215 659	59 480
	Sha Tau Kok	10 358	7 804	1 474
	Sheung Shui	411 664	375 709	122 876
Sai Kung	Sai Kung	323 193	283 190	156 074
	Tiu Keng Leng	870 300	860 915	369 605
	Tseung Kwan O	905 713	888 149	561 076



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		2018	2019	2020 <sup>(1)</sup>
Sha Tin	Lek Yuen	103 700	91 731	21 433
	Ma On Shan	634 287	617 087	279 954
	Sha Tin	1 143 975	1 082 472	693 750
	Yuen Chau Kok	656 264	613 074	209 169
Tai Po	Tai Po	713 630	626 465	260 994
Tsuen Wan	Shek Wai Kok	79 405	77 714	28 086
	Tsuen Wan	1 142 846	1 107 031	523 902
Tuen Mun	Butterfly Estate	126 133	118 908	30 794
	Tai Hing	195 606	171 583	53 686
	Tuen Mun	1 212 793	1 253 601	676 817
Yuen Long	Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai	962 376	961 081	529 145
	Tin Shui Wai North	135 541	125 614	32 775
	Yuen Long	729 278	720 573	278 073
<b>Mobile Libraries</b>				
Mobile Libraries 1-12		588 468	554 880	136 938
<b>Self-service Library Stations</b>				
Island East Sports Centre Sitting-out Area		25 235	20 782	13 935
Hong Kong Cultural Centre <sup>(4)</sup>		1 191	13 897	10 240
Tsuen Nam Road, Tai Wai <sup>(4)</sup>		-	-	16 855
<b>Total</b>		<b>28 042 575</b>	<b>26 898 600</b>	<b>12 668 474</b>

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- (3) North Lamma Public Library (Small Library) was reopened in June 2019 after in-situ reconstruction.
- (4) The self-service library stations located at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre in Kowloon and Tsuen Nam Road, Tai Wai of the New Territories commenced service in December 2018 and January 2020 respectively.

**Hong Kong Public Libraries  
Top 10 Books in Terms of Circulation in 2020**

**Table 1 (Adult Chinese Fiction)**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Number of Copies in the Library Collection</b>	<b>Number of Loans</b>
1.	射鵰英雄傳 <sup>(1)</sup>	875	5 156
2.	神鵰俠侶 <sup>(1)</sup>	923	3 936
3.	倚天屠龍記 <sup>(1)</sup>	759	3 792
4.	第十一號羅蜜歐	215	3 439
5.	鹿鼎記 <sup>(1)</sup>	829	3 425
6.	船屋	215	3 277
7.	有限溫存	212	3 170
8.	好好好	215	3 157
9.	結或不結 離或不離	215	3 096
10.	1984 <sup>(1)</sup>	281	2 934

**Table 2 (Adult Chinese Non-fiction)**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Number of Copies in the Library Collection</b>	<b>Number of Loans</b>
1.	財務自由行 <sup>(1)</sup>	304	3 535
2.	大阪·京都 <sup>(1)</sup>	831	3 431
3.	九州 <sup>(1)</sup>	518	3 250
4.	九州攻略完全制霸 <sup>(1)</sup>	514	3 063
5.	選股與估值：價值投資的得勝之道 <sup>(1)</sup>	359	3 036
6.	英國王：英格蘭·蘇格蘭·威爾士·北愛爾蘭 <sup>(1)</sup>	385	2 943
7.	80後百萬富翁 <sup>(1)</sup>	250	2 835
8.	東京近郊攻略完全制霸 <sup>(1)</sup>	399	2 777
9.	東京食玩買終極天書 <sup>(1)</sup>	749	2 725
10.	東京 <sup>(1)</sup>	524	2 621

**Table 3 (Junior Chinese Fiction)**

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	西遊記 <sup>(1)</sup>	1 439	7 954
2.	三國演義 <sup>(1)</sup>	1 166	7 875
3.	水滸傳 <sup>(1)</sup>	1 333	6 075
4.	小王子 <sup>(1)</sup>	1 910	5 591
5.	愛麗絲夢遊仙境／愛麗絲夢遊奇境 <sup>(1)</sup>	1 641	3 968
6.	一千零一夜／天方夜譚 <sup>(1)</sup>	1 469	3 831
7.	綠野仙蹤 <sup>(1)</sup>	1 303	3 728
8.	紅樓夢 <sup>(1)</sup>	910	3 544
9.	小婦人 <sup>(1)</sup>	1 036	3 221
10.	童話夢工場·6, 拇指姑娘與豆丁王子 (童話夢工場) <sup>(1) (2)</sup>	220	3 021

**Table 4 (Junior Chinese Non-fiction)**

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	什麼都不愛吃的皮皮 (新雅·繪本館) <sup>(2)</sup>	238	2 992
2.	壞種子 (格林名家繪本館) <sup>(2)</sup>	168	2 881
3.	幼兒情緒翻翻書 (新雅·寶寶心靈館) <sup>(2)</sup>	240	2 836
4.	這本書教你分左右	241	2 731
5.	別在超市裏搗蛋 (社區體驗系列) <sup>(2)</sup>	240	2 697
6.	不准電視機吃飯 (物教育繪本) <sup>(2)</sup>	240	2 679
7.	認真的西蘭花 (新雅·繪本館 菜園繪本系列) <sup>(2)</sup>	238	2 656
8.	正義使者：晃晃星人之卷 (精選圖畫書) <sup>(1) (2)</sup>	246	2 610
9.	我會自己刷牙 (小象帕歐繪本系列) <sup>(2)</sup>	240	2 447
10.	不愛刷牙的小虎 (培養好習慣) <sup>(2)</sup>	200	2 349

**Table 5 (Adult English Fiction)**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Number of Copies in the Library Collection</b>	<b>Number of Loans</b>
1.	The five people you meet in heaven	139	808
2.	The next person you meet in Heaven <sup>(1)</sup>	59	635
3.	Animal farm: a fairy story <sup>(1)</sup>	84	621
4.	The hobbit, or, There and back again <sup>(1)</sup>	144	605
5.	The Great Gatsby <sup>(1)</sup>	160	599
6.	The time keeper	109	583
7.	Murder on the Orient Express <sup>(1)</sup>	72	507
8.	For one more day <sup>(1)</sup>	121	501
9.	Nineteen eighty-four <sup>(1)</sup>	81	500
10.	The fellowship of the ring: being the first part of The lord of the rings [The lord of the rings] <sup>(1) (2)</sup>	136	499

**Table 6 (Adult English Non-fiction)**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Number of Copies in the Library Collection</b>	<b>Number of Loans</b>
1.	Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination. English language 2019. <sup>(2)</sup>	205	2 256
2.	Becoming <sup>(1)</sup>	160	1 665
3.	Language proficiency assessment for teachers. English language ... question papers	143	1 170
4.	21 lessons for the 21st century <sup>(1)</sup>	102	1 081
5.	Thinking, fast and slow	106	1 069
6.	Cambridge English IELTS. 10: with answers: authentic examination papers from Cambridge English language assessment. (IELTS practice tests series) <sup>(1) (2)</sup>	73	950
7.	Hong Kong taxation and tax planning <sup>(1)</sup>	166	827
8.	Barron's essential words for the IELTS <sup>(1)</sup>	70	817
9.	Sapiens: a brief history of humankind <sup>(1)</sup>	72	775
10.	On tyranny: twenty lessons from the twentieth century	70	734

**Table 7 (Junior English Fiction)**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Number of Copies in the Library Collection</b>	<b>Number of Loans</b>
1.	Charlie and the chocolate factory <sup>(1)</sup>	372	2 478
2.	Harry Potter and the chamber of secrets (Harry Potter series) <sup>(1) (2)</sup>	307	2 242
3.	The guardian of the realm: the eleventh adventure in the Kingdom of Fantasy (Kingdom of Fantasy) <sup>(2)</sup>	154	1 881
4.	The hunt for the Colosseum ghost (Geronimo Stilton special edition) <sup>(2)</sup>	149	1 602
5.	The Land of Flowers: a Geronimo Stilton adventure (Thea Stilton special edition) <sup>(2)</sup>	144	1 597
6. <sup>(4)</sup>	No time to lose: the fifth journey through time (Journey through time) <sup>(2) (3)</sup>	155	1 551
6. <sup>(4)</sup>	The Twits <sup>(1) (3)</sup>	212	1 551
8.	Matilda <sup>(1)</sup>	224	1 368
9.	The hunt for the curious cheese (Geronimo Stilton) <sup>(2)</sup>	150	1 358
10.	Charlie and the great glass elevator <sup>(1)</sup>	271	1 354

**Table 8 (Junior English Non-fiction)**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Number of Copies in the Library Collection</b>	<b>Number of Loans</b>
1.	The laughing princess (Oxford reading tree) <sup>(1) (2)</sup>	346	2 407
2.	My little pony: friendship is magic	231	2 116
3.	The first hippo on the moon <sup>(1)</sup>	112	1 544
4.	The bear who went boo! <sup>(1)</sup>	84	1 349
5.	Maisy's bus (My friend Maisy) <sup>(1) (2)</sup>	55	1 257
6.	Dog Man: brawl of the wild (Dog Man) <sup>(2)</sup>	90	1 253
7.	Max and Marla are having a picnic	55	1 213
8.	Peppa's first colors. (Peppa Pig) <sup>(2)</sup>	73	1 197
9.	Truck full of ducks	55	1 195
10.	Good night, Sophie: a touch and feel book (Sophie la girafe) <sup>(2)</sup>	83	1 188

**Notes**

- (1) Including books of different editions/years of publication of the same title (only the information of the first volume will be provided if the books were published with multiple volumes).
- (2) For a series of books under the same title, only the information of the books with the highest circulation will be provided.
- (3) Books with the same number of loans are listed in alphabetical order of the titles.
- (4) The numbers of loans of the 2 books are the same.

**Hong Kong Public Libraries**  
**Top 10 Books in Terms of Circulation in 2019**

**Table 1 (Adult Chinese Fiction)**

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	射鵰英雄傳 <sup>(5)</sup>	921	11 053
2.	神鵰俠侶 <sup>(5)</sup>	1 147	8 755
3.	俠客行 <sup>(5)</sup>	1 132	6 917
4.	倚天屠龍記 <sup>(5)</sup>	792	6 380
5.	鹿鼎記 <sup>(5)</sup>	865	6 102
6.	好好好	215	5 678
7.	去年今日此門	213	5 552
8.	結或不結 離或不離	215	5 524
9.	這是戰爭	215	5 521
10.	天龍八部 <sup>(5)</sup>	694	5 465

**Table 2 (Adult Chinese Non-fiction)**

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	大阪・京都 <sup>(5)</sup>	741	13 964
2.	東京食玩買終極天書 <sup>(5)</sup>	715	11 993
3.	九州達人天書 <sup>(5)</sup>	503	10 293
4.	東京 <sup>(5)</sup>	533	10 111
5.	九州 <sup>(5)</sup>	524	9 860
6.	九州：玩味泡湯親自自然Easy go! <sup>(5)</sup>	489	9 846
7.	北海道達人天書 <sup>(5)</sup>	600	9 413
8.	紅楓粉櫻古意漫遊Easy Go!：京阪神 關西 <sup>(5)</sup>	630	9 335
9.	澳洲王 <sup>(5)</sup>	495	9 201
10.	台北 九份 淡水 基隆 宜蘭食玩買終極天書 <sup>(5)</sup>	472	9 013

**Table 3 (Junior Chinese Fiction)**

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	西遊記 <sup>(5)</sup>	1 550	14 240
2.	三國演義 <sup>(5)</sup>	1 178	12 137
3.	水滸傳 <sup>(5)</sup>	1 249	9 075
4.	愛麗絲夢遊仙境／愛麗絲夢遊奇境 <sup>(5)</sup>	1 821	8 847
5.	小王子 <sup>(5)</sup>	1 882	8 290
6.	一千零一夜／天方夜譚 <sup>(5)</sup>	1 450	7 286
7.	名偵探福爾摩斯／福爾摩斯探案集／神探福爾摩斯／偵探福爾摩斯 <sup>(5)</sup>	764	6 828
8.	綠野仙蹤／綠野仙踪 <sup>(5)</sup>	1 499	6 797
9.	紅樓夢 <sup>(5)</sup>	869	6 217
10.	英倫魔術事件簿 <sup>(6)</sup> (老鼠記者)	251	5 519

**Table 4 (Junior Chinese Non-fiction)**

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	老夫子再版精選·第037冊, 飛行夢 <sup>(6)</sup> (老夫子精選系列)	200	4 477
2.	大雄的人魚大海戰 <sup>(5)(6)</sup> (多啦A夢彩色電影版)	309	4 437
3.	什麼都不愛吃的皮皮 <sup>(6)</sup> (新雅·繪本館)	239	4 244
4.	Peppa Pig粉紅豬小妹·睡覺時間 = Bedtime for Peppa <sup>(6)</sup> (粉紅豬小妹)	201	4 232
5.	這本書教你分左右	241	4 218
6.	大阪尋寶記 <sup>(6)</sup> (世界歷史探險系列)	169	4 082
7.	不准電視機吃飯 <sup>(6)</sup> (食物教育繪本)	240	4 045
8.	自信的甘筍 <sup>(6)</sup> (新雅·繪本館 菜園繪本系列)	239	4 031
9.	正義使者：晃晃星人之卷 <sup>(5)(6)</sup> (精選圖畫書)	250	4 002
10.	寶寶，晚安！ <sup>(6)</sup> (新雅·寶寶生活館)	202	3 923



**Table 5 (Adult English Fiction)**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Number of Copies in the Library Collection</b>	<b>Number of Loans</b>
1.	The five people you meet in heaven	149	1 451
2.	The Great Gatsby <sup>(5)</sup>	190	1 225
3.	The time keeper	110	1 109
4.	Me before you <sup>(5)</sup>	96	1 074
5.	The fellowship of the ring <sup>(5) (6)</sup> (The lord of the rings)	244	1 039
6.	For one more day <sup>(5)</sup>	124	986
7.	Origin: a novel	80	946
8.	Nineteen eighty-four <sup>(5)</sup>	74	943
9.	The adventures of Sherlock Holmes <sup>(5)</sup>	147	864
10.	Animal farm: a fairy story <sup>(5)</sup>	78	855

**Table 6 (Adult English Non-fiction)**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Number of Copies in the Library Collection</b>	<b>Number of Loans</b>
1.	Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination. English language 2018 <sup>(6)</sup>	202	3 918
2.	Becoming <sup>(5)</sup>	160	1 641
3.	Thinking, fast and slow	106	1 611
4.	Cambridge English IELTS.10: with answers: authentic examination papers from Cambridge English language assessment <sup>(5) (6)</sup> (IELTS practice tests series)	73	1 474
5.	Hong Kong taxation and tax planning <sup>(5)</sup>	156	1 446
6.	Lonely Planet Eastern Europe	222	1 351
7.	21 lessons for the 21st century <sup>(5)</sup>	102	1 285
8.	Hong Kong company law <sup>(5)</sup>	178	1 239
9.	Language proficiency assessment for teachers. English language ... question papers <sup>(6)</sup>	134	1 152
10.	Bad blood: secrets and lies in a Silicon Valley startup	85	1 131

**Table 7 (Junior English Fiction)**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Number of Copies in the Library Collection</b>	<b>Number of Loans</b>
1.	Charlie and the chocolate factory <sup>(5)</sup>	394	4 704
2.	Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets <sup>(5) (6)</sup> (Harry Potter)	317	3 776
3.	Captain Underpants and the perilous plot of Professor Poopypants: the fourth epic novel <sup>(5) (6)</sup> (Captain Underpants)	307	3 454
4.	The hunt for the Colosseum ghost <sup>(6)</sup> (Geronimo Stilton special edition; Thea Stilton)	151	3 089
5.	No time to lose: the fifth journey through time <sup>(6)</sup> (Geronimo Stilton; Journey through time)	155	3 050
6.	The chocolate chase <sup>(6)</sup> (Geronimo Stilton)	146	2 858
7.	Matilda <sup>(5)</sup>	238	2 752
8.	The treasure of the sea <sup>(6)</sup> (Thea Stilton)	153	2 665
9.	The Land of Flowers: a Geronimo Stilton adventure <sup>(6)</sup> (Thea Stilton. Special edition)	145	2 647
10.	The Twits <sup>(5)</sup>	216	2 642

**Table 8 (Junior English Non-fiction)**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Number of Copies in the Library Collection</b>	<b>Number of Loans</b>
1.	The laughing princess <sup>(5) (6)</sup> (Oxford reading tree series)	354	5 188
2.	My little pony: friendship is magic	229	4 418
3.	Peppa loves Christmas <sup>(6)</sup> (Peppa Pig series)	119	2 522
4.	The smartest giant in town <sup>(5)</sup>	243	2 520
5.	Disney Pixar Toy story. The bunny surprise <sup>(6)</sup> (Learning ladder)	173	2 201
6.	Dog Man and Cat Kid <sup>(6)</sup> (Dog Man)	90	2 080
7.	Little Miss Princess <sup>(5) (6)</sup> (Little Miss, my complete collection)	286	2 043
8.	The Gruffalo <sup>(5)</sup>	173	2 035
9.	The snail and the whale <sup>(5)</sup>	181	2 013
10.	My first Mr. Men lift-the-flap <sup>(5)</sup>	99	1 939

Notes

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**Hong Kong Public Libraries**  
**Top 10 Books in Terms of Circulation in 2018**

**Table 1 (Adult Chinese Fiction)**

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	射鵰英雄傳 <sup>(7)</sup>	960	10 590
2.	神鵰俠侶 <sup>(7)</sup>	819	6 755
3.	森莎拉	215	5 960
4.	新女孩	213	5 904
5.	天龍八部 <sup>(7)</sup>	724	5 687
6.	珍瓏	218	5 652
7.	不一樣的口紅	214	5 642
8.	阿波羅的神壇	215	5 549
9.	鹿鼎記 <sup>(7)</sup>	776	5 524
10.	笑傲江湖 <sup>(7)</sup>	643	5 474

**Table 2 (Adult Chinese Non-fiction)**

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	東京食玩買終極天書 <sup>(7)</sup>	768	13 445
2.	京阪神達人天書 <sup>(7)</sup>	554	11 252
3.	北海道達人天書 <sup>(7)</sup>	640	11 124
4.	四國 香川 德島 高知 愛媛食玩買終極天書 <sup>(7)</sup>	674	11 001
5.	大阪・京都 <sup>(7)</sup>	478	10 221
6.	紅楓粉櫻古意漫遊Easy Go!：京阪神關西 <sup>(7)</sup>	515	10 036
7.	東京達人天書 <sup>(7)</sup>	539	10 030
8.	名古屋 高山 金沢 白川鄉 伊勢食玩買終極天書 <sup>(7)</sup>	474	9 829
9.	澳洲王 <sup>(7)</sup>	485	9 744
10.	沖繩王 <sup>(7)</sup>	477	8 973

**Table 3 (Junior Chinese Fiction)**

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	西遊記 <sup>(7)</sup>	1 732	15 044
2.	三國演義 <sup>(7)</sup>	1 236	12 136
3.	水滸傳 <sup>(7)</sup>	1 351	10 132
4.	愛麗斯漫遊仙境／ 愛麗絲夢遊奇境 <sup>(7)</sup>	1 830	9 354
5.	小王子 <sup>(7)</sup>	1 816	9 200
6.	一千零一夜／天方夜譚 <sup>(7)</sup>	1 669	8 130
7.	綠野仙蹤／綠野仙踪 <sup>(7)</sup>	1 596	7 178
8.	紅樓夢／石頭記 <sup>(7)</sup>	916	7 011
9.	金牌鼠贏盡奧運會 <sup>(7) (8)</sup> (老鼠記者)	425	6 737
10.	幽靈旅館 <sup>(7) (8)</sup> (魔幻偵探所)	427	5 922

**Table 4 (Junior Chinese Non-fiction)**

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	老夫子再版精選·第012冊 <sup>(8)</sup> (老夫子精選系列)	201	4 780
2.	我會說「謝謝」 <sup>(8)</sup> (湯瑪士小火車禮貌書)	200	4 061
3.	爆笑成語·1 <sup>(8)</sup> (爆笑課堂系列)	198	3 968
4.	迷你多啦，放心交給它！	238	3 936
5.	一隻減肥的豬 <sup>(8)</sup> (新雅·繪本館)	206	3 903
6.	大雄的人魚大海戰 <sup>(8)</sup> (多啦A夢彩色電影版)	234	3 880
7.	白雪森林 <sup>(8)</sup> (《愛探險的朵拉》系列故事)	198	3 847
8.	腦筋大激活 <sup>(7) (8)</sup> (智fun系列)	264	3 821
9.	不害怕考試的17個學習秘訣 <sup>(8)</sup> (漫畫兒童卡內基)	165	3 799
10.	深海尋寶 <sup>(8)</sup> (愛探險的朵拉／和媽媽一起讀)	201	3 791

**Table 5 (Adult English Fiction)**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Number of Copies in the Library Collection</b>	<b>Number of Loans</b>
1.	The five people you meet in heaven	161	1 817
2.	Origin: a novel <sup>(7)</sup>	104	1 538
3.	The time keeper	111	1 273
4.	For one more day <sup>(7)</sup>	126	1 141
5.	The Great Gatsby <sup>(7)</sup>	183	1 132
6.	Me before you <sup>(7)</sup>	89	1 047
7.	The Hobbit: or there and back again <sup>(7)</sup>	154	1 033
8.	The ABC murders <sup>(7)</sup>	80	858
9.	The adventures of Sherlock Holmes <sup>(7)</sup>	122	857
10.	My not so perfect life <sup>(7)</sup>	58	853

**Table 6 (Adult English Non-fiction)**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Number of Copies in the Library Collection</b>	<b>Number of Loans</b>
1.	Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination. English language 2017 <sup>(8)</sup>	205	4 128
2.	Cambridge English IELTS. 12: academic with answers: authentic examination papers. <sup>(8)</sup> (IELTS practice tests series)	120	1 774
3.	Lonely Planet Eastern Europe	236	1 658
4.	Thinking, fast and slow	100	1 585
5.	Advanced taxation in Hong Kong <sup>(7)</sup>	163	1 555
6.	Barron's IELTS: International English Language Testing System <sup>(7)</sup>	121	1 517
7.	Hong Kong company law <sup>(7)</sup>	133	1 474
8.	Hong Kong taxation and tax planning <sup>(7)</sup>	117	1 284
9.	The Norton anthology of English literature	140	1 252
10.	HKALE. AS use of English <sup>(8)</sup>	533	1 217

**Table 7 (Junior English Fiction)**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Number of Copies in the Library Collection</b>	<b>Number of Loans</b>
1.	Charlie and the chocolate factory <sup>(7)</sup>	388	5 092
2.	Captain Underpants and the perilous plot of Professor Poopypants: the fourth epic novel <sup>(7) (8)</sup> (Captain Underpants series)	329	4 882
3.	Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets <sup>(7) (8)</sup> (Harry Potter series)	319	4 020
4.	The wizard's wand: the ninth adventure in the Kingdom of Fantasy <sup>(8)</sup> (Kingdom of Fantasy series)	154	3 240
5.	Charlie and the great glass elevator <sup>(7)</sup>	341	3 203
6.	Matilda <sup>(7)</sup>	258	3 112
7.	The hunt for the curious cheese <sup>(8)</sup> (Geronimo Stilton series)	148	3 008
8.	The giraffe and the pelly and me <sup>(7)</sup>	255	2 992
9.	The Twits <sup>(7)</sup>	215	2 824
10.	George's marvellous medicine <sup>(7)</sup>	255	2 805

**Table 8 (Junior English Non-fiction)**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Number of Copies in the Library Collection</b>	<b>Number of Loans</b>
1.	The laughing princess <sup>(7) (8)</sup> (Oxford reading tree series)	391	6 255
2.	My little pony: friendship is magic	236	5 075
3.	The smartest giant in town <sup>(7)</sup>	265	4 056
4.	Peppa loves Christmas <sup>(8)</sup> (Peppa Pig series)	120	2 706
5.	Disney Princess. Happy birthday, Princess! <sup>(8)</sup> (Learning ladder series)	199	2 621
6.	Thomas and the Easter Egg Hunt <sup>(8)</sup> (My first railway library series)	142	2 615
7.	Thomas and the piglets. <sup>(8)</sup> (Thomas & friends Step into reading series)	170	2 408
8.	Henry in the dark <sup>(8)</sup> (Step into reading. Step 2 Thomas & friends series)	170	2 328
9.	Mr. Nobody <sup>(7) (8)</sup> (Mr. Men, my complete collection series)	284	2 297
10.	Stick Man <sup>(7)</sup>	152	1 949

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**Hong Kong Public Libraries  
Total Number of Titles of e-Book Collections (2018 to 2020)**

Item	Title of e-Book Collections	Total Number of Titles <sup>(1)</sup>		
		2018	2019	2020
<i>Chinese e-Book Databases</i>				
1	HyRead ebook	9 598	12 121	14 646
2	SUEP e-Book	3 573	4 231	5 406
3	Apabi Chinese eBooks	98 560	104 000	108 263
4	FunPark (launched in April 2018)	314	373	444
5	Vista E-Book in Traditional Chinese	467	467	470
<i>English e-Book Databases</i>				
6	ProQuest Ebook Central <sup>(2)</sup>	156 615	177 318	197 054
7	eBooks on EBSCOhost	17 960	22 301	26 439
8	OverDrive eBooks (launched in February 2019)	-	4 987	11 094
9	Naxos Spoken Word Library (Audio book)	6 932	11 764	13 314
10-11	Safari Books Online <sup>(3)</sup>	523	522	1 005
<b>Total</b>		294 542	338 084	378 135

Notes

- (1) The e-book collections are hosted by service providers and licensed for library use at service providers' platforms through an annual subscription or a perpetual licence.
- (2) Formerly known as ebrary Academic Complete.
- (3) Including Safari Business Books Online and Safari Tech Books Online.

**Hong Kong Public Libraries  
Usage of e-Book Collections (2018 to 2020)**

Different service providers have used different statistical elements, such as the number of e-books consulted, searches, tracks played, browses by category to present the usage of their databases. The usage statistics of e-book collections of the Hong Kong Public Libraries provided by individual e-book database service providers from 2018 to 2020 are tabulated below.

Item	Title of e-Book Collections <sup>(1)</sup>	Statistical Elements Adopted	Use Count		
			2018	2019	2020
<i>Collections adopting similar statistical elements based on the number of e-books consulted</i>					
1	HyRead ebook	online reading, borrowing and trial	353 543	600 520	2 009 714
2	SUEP e-Book	online reading, borrowing and trial	116 279	211 572	961 564
3	Apabi Chinese eBooks	online reading and borrowing	56 716	54 572	118 916
4	FunPark (launched in April 2018)	online reading	25 149	30 350	136 640
5	ProQuest Ebook Central <sup>(2)</sup>	online reading and download	30 998	23 135	35 571
6	eBooks on EBSCOhost	online reading and download	26 634	24 899	52 668
7	OverDrive eBooks (launched in February 2019)	borrowing	-	18 962	83 231
<b>Sub-total</b>			609 319	964 010	3 398 304
<i>Collections adopting other statistical elements</i>					
8	Naxos Spoken Word Library (Audio book)	tracks played	26 315	28 949	42 976
9	Vista E-Book in Traditional Chinese	browses by category	13 015	11 821	27 356
10-11	Safari Books Online <sup>(3)</sup>	searches	8 971	7 502	11 727

**Notes**

- (1) HyRead ebook, SUEP e-Book, Apabi Chinese eBooks, Funpark and Vista E-Book in Traditional Chinese are Chinese e-book databases whereas ProQuest Ebook Central, eBooks on EBSCOhost, OverDrive eBooks, Naxos Spoken Word Library and Safari Books Online are English e-book databases.
- (2) Formerly known as ebrary Academic Complete.
- (3) Including Safari Business Books Online and Safari Tech Books Online.