

**Proportion of Books to be Acquired by
the Hong Kong Public Libraries
in 2025-26
(Categorised by Subject)**

(a) Chinese Books for Loan by Adults

Order *	Subject	Percentage of Library Collection (as at March 2024)	Percentage of the Total Number of Loans in 2023-24	Overall Acquisition Percentage in 2025-26
1	Fiction	15.4%	18.2%	18.2%
2	Travels, History & Geography; Biography	7.1%	11.5%	9.8%
3	Language & Literature	13.3%	9.1%	9.4%
4	Applied Science	9.2%	9.1%	9.3%
5	Business, Economics & Finance	7.3%	6.0%	7.1%
6	Philosophy	6.3%	7.5%	6.9%
7	Home Economics	6.4%	5.9%	6.7%
8	Chinese History, Geography & Travels	3.9%	4.6%	5.7%
9	Translated Fiction	6.4%	5.9%	5.4%
10	Arts	4.7%	4.3%	3.8%
11	Education	4.2%	3.4%	3.7%
12	Computer/IT	1.6%	2.4%	3.6%
13	Science	2.4%	2.1%	2.6%
14	Sports & Recreation	3.0%	2.7%	2.4%
15	Social Sciences	5.3%	3.5%	2.2%
16	Religion	2.0%	2.8%	2.2%
17	General Works	0.9%	0.6%	0.5%
18	Music	0.6%	0.4%	0.5%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

* Sorted by the “Overall Acquisition Percentage in 2025-26”

(b) English Books for Loan by Adults

Order *	Subject	Percentage of Library Collection (as at March 2024)	Percentage of the Total Number of Loans in 2023-24	Overall Acquisition Percentage in 2025-26
1	Fiction	11.3%	17.7%	15.7%
2	Business, Economics & Finance	15.4%	10.9%	13.1%
3	Geography & Travels	5.2%	7.1%	7.2%
4	Social Sciences	7.8%	8.3%	6.7%
5	Education	5.7%	4.9%	6.6%
6	Computer/IT	3.7%	6.0%	6.3%
7	Language	3.2%	5.4%	6.3%
8	Applied Science	7.2%	5.6%	6.1%
9	Science	5.9%	6.3%	6.1%
10	Arts	9.4%	5.7%	5.4%
11	Philosophy	3.9%	6.1%	5.3%
12	History	5.0%	5.1%	4.1%
13	Home Economics	4.4%	3.2%	3.2%
14	Literature	4.9%	2.7%	2.7%
15	Sports & Recreation	2.7%	1.9%	2.3%
16	Music	1.7%	1.2%	1.5%
17	Religion	1.4%	1.4%	1.1%
18	General Works	1.2%	0.5%	0.3%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

* Sorted by the “Overall Acquisition Percentage in 2025-26”

(c) Chinese Books for Loan by Children

Order *	Subject	Percentage of Library Collection (as at March 2024)	Percentage of the Total Number of Loans in 2023-24	Overall Acquisition Percentage in 2025-26
1	Picture Books	26.4%	32.3%	29.8%
2	Language & Literature	17.7%	21.5%	23.2%
3	Translated Fiction	12.1%	7.7%	10.0%
4	Fiction	12.9%	11.5%	9.8%
5	Science	10.2%	9.7%	8.8%
6	Travels, History & Geography; Biography	3.7%	2.4%	2.5%
7	Applied Science	2.5%	2.2%	2.3%
8	Chinese History, Geography & Travels	2.3%	1.9%	2.1%
9	Philosophy	2.2%	1.9%	2.1%
10	Sports & Recreation	1.6%	2.0%	2.1%
11	Arts	1.5%	1.2%	1.4%
12	Social Sciences	1.9%	1.6%	1.3%
13	Education	1.5%	1.4%	1.2%
14	General Works	1.1%	0.9%	1.0%
15	Religion	1.1%	0.7%	0.8%
16	Computer/IT	0.4%	0.3%	0.6%
17	Business, Economics & Finance	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%
18	Home Economics	0.3%	0.2%	0.4%
19	Music	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

* Sorted by the “Overall Acquisition Percentage in 2025-26”

(d) English Books for Loan by Children

Order *	Subject	Percentage of Library Collection (as at March 2024)	Percentage of the Total Number of Loans in 2023-24	Overall Acquisition Percentage in 2025-26
1	Picture Books	24.7%	32.5%	34.6%
2	Language	18.3%	17.3%	23.2%
3	Fiction	15.2%	22.2%	18.9%
4	Science	13.4%	9.1%	9.1%
5	Applied Science	5.2%	3.5%	2.7%
6	Arts	5.2%	5.9%	2.7%
7	Social Sciences	3.6%	2.0%	2.0%
8	History	3.2%	1.5%	1.3%
9	Sports & Recreation	1.9%	1.0%	1.0%
10	Literature	1.6%	0.8%	1.0%
11	Philosophy	1.0%	0.9%	0.6%
12	Home Economics	0.8%	0.7%	0.5%
13	Religion	0.6%	0.3%	0.5%
14	Business, Economics & Finance	1.4%	0.7%	0.4%
15	Geography & Travels	1.1%	0.5%	0.4%
16	Education	0.8%	0.2%	0.4%
17	Computer/IT	0.6%	0.3%	0.3%
18	Music	0.9%	0.3%	0.2%
19	General Works	0.5%	0.3%	0.2%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

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