

**Proportion of Books to be Acquired by
the Hong Kong Public Libraries in 2026-27
(Categorised by Subject)**

(a) Chinese Books for Loan by Adults

Order *	Subject	Percentage of Library Collection (as at March 2025)	Percentage of the Total Number of Loans in 2024-25	Overall Acquisition Percentage in 2026-27
1	Fiction	15.1%	17.4%	18.8%
2	Travels, History & Geography; Biography	7.1%	11.4%	9.7%
3	Applied Science	9.3%	9.3%	9.3%
4	Language & Literature	13.2%	8.9%	9.1%
5	Business, Economics & Finance	7.3%	6.3%	7.4%
6	Philosophy	6.5%	8.2%	7.0%
7	Chinese History, Geography & Travels	3.9%	4.2%	5.9%
8	Home Economics	6.4%	5.7%	5.8%
9	Translated Fiction	6.5%	5.9%	5.4%
10	Arts	4.6%	4.3%	3.8%
11	Education	4.2%	3.6%	3.7%
12	Computer/IT	1.5%	2.5%	3.6%
13	Science	2.4%	2.3%	2.6%
14	Sports & Recreation	3.1%	2.7%	2.5%
15	Social Sciences	5.3%	3.4%	2.2%
16	Religion	2.1%	2.9%	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 2026-27”

(b) English Books for Loan by Adults

Order *	Subject	Percentage of Library Collection (as at March 2025)	Percentage of the Total Number of Loans in 2024-25	Overall Acquisition Percentage in 2026-27
1	Fiction	11.2%	17.9%	15.7%
2	Business, Economics & Finance	15.4%	11.1%	13.5%
3	Geography & Travels	5.2%	6.8%	7.3%
4	Social Sciences	7.8%	7.4%	6.9%
5	Computer/IT	3.7%	5.7%	6.3%
6	Applied Science	7.2%	5.6%	6.3%
7	Language	3.1%	4.9%	6.2%
8	Science	5.9%	6.4%	6.1%
9	Arts	9.4%	5.9%	5.7%
10	Philosophy	4.0%	6.7%	5.3%
11	Education	5.8%	5.2%	5.0%
12	History	5.0%	5.3%	4.1%
13	Home Economics	4.5%	3.3%	3.4%
14	Literature	4.8%	2.9%	2.9%
15	Sports & Recreation	2.7%	1.9%	2.3%
16	Music	1.7%	1.1%	1.5%
17	Religion	1.4%	1.4%	1.2%
18	General Works	1.2%	0.5%	0.4%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

* Sorted by the “Overall Acquisition Percentage in 2026-27”

(c) Chinese Books for Loan by Children

Order *	Subject	Percentage of Library Collection (as at March 2025)	Percentage of the Total Number of Loans in 2024-25	Overall Acquisition Percentage in 2026-27
1	Picture Books	27.2%	32.4%	29.4%
2	Language & Literature	17.4%	21.3%	23.6%
3	Fiction	12.5%	11.2%	10.7%
4	Translated Fiction	11.9%	7.5%	9.4%
5	Science	10.2%	9.9%	9.0%
6	Chinese History, Geography & Travels	2.4%	2.1%	2.6%
7	Travels, History & Geography; Biography	3.6%	2.3%	2.5%
8	Philosophy	2.3%	2.1%	2.2%
9	Applied Science	2.5%	2.1%	2.1%
10	Sports & Recreation	1.5%	1.8%	1.9%
11	Social Sciences	2.0%	1.7%	1.5%
12	Education	1.6%	1.5%	1.4%
13	Arts	1.5%	1.3%	1.4%
14	Computer/IT	0.4%	0.3%	0.6%
15	Business, Economics & Finance	0.5%	0.6%	0.5%
16	Religion	1.1%	0.7%	0.4%
17	Home Economics	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%
18	General Works	1.0%	0.8%	0.3%
19	Music	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

* Sorted by the “Overall Acquisition Percentage in 2026-27”

(d) English Books for Loan by Children

Order *	Subject	Percentage of Library Collection (as at March 2025)	Percentage of the Total Number of Loans in 2024-25	Overall Acquisition Percentage in 2026-27
1	Picture Books	24.2%	31.7%	34.6%
2	Language	18.9%	18.0%	23.2%
3	Fiction	14.7%	20.9%	18.9%
4	Science	13.5%	9.2%	9.1%
5	Applied Science	5.3%	3.8%	2.8%
6	Arts	5.4%	6.7%	2.7%
7	Social Sciences	3.5%	1.9%	1.9%
8	History	3.2%	1.5%	1.3%
9	Sports & Recreation	2.1%	1.2%	1.0%
10	Literature	1.6%	0.8%	1.0%
11	Philosophy	1.0%	1.0%	0.6%
12	Home Economics	0.8%	0.6%	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%	0.3%	0.4%
17	Computer/IT	0.6%	0.3%	0.3%
18	Music	0.9%	0.3%	0.2%
19	General Works	0.4%	0.3%	0.2%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

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