

Acquisition Proportion of Books of the Hong Kong Public Libraries in 2024-25 (by Subject)

(a) Chinese Books for Adult Lending

| Order* | Subject | Percentage of Library Collection (as at March 2023) | Percentage over the Total Number of Loans in 2022-23 | Overall Acquisition Percentage in 2024-25 |
|--------|---|---|--|---|
| 1 | Fiction | 15.5% | 20.4% | 18.8% |
| 2 | Language & Literature | 13.5% | 9.7% | 10.2% |
| 3 | Applied Science | 9.1% | 9.5% | 9.3% |
| 4 | Travels, History & Geography; Biography | 7.1% | 8.5% | 9.0% |
| 5 | Business, Economics & Finance | 7.3% | 6.5% | 7.3% |
| 6 | Home Economics | 6.3% | 6.5% | 7.1% |
| 7 | Philosophy | 6.2% | 7.4% | 6.9% |
| 8 | Translated Fiction | 6.4% | 6.4% | 5.6% |
| 9 | Chinese History, Geography & Travels | 4.0% | 2.3% | 4.7% |
| 10 | Arts | 4.6% | 4.5% | 4.0% |
| 11 | Education | 4.2% | 3.5% | 3.5% |
| 12 | Computer/IT | 1.6% | 2.8% | 3.4% |
| 13 | Science | 2.3% | 2.3% | 2.6% |
| 14 | Social Sciences | 5.3% | 3.3% | 2.2% |
| 15 | Religion | 2.1% | 2.7% | 2.2% |
| 16 | Sports & Recreation | 3.0% | 2.7% | 2.2% |
| 17 | General Works | 0.9% | 0.6% | 0.5% |
| 18 | Music | 0.6% | 0.4% | 0.5% |
| | Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

(b) English Books for Adult Lending

| Order* | Subject | Percentage of Library Collection (as at March 2023) | Percentage over the Total Number of Loans in 2022-23 | Overall Acquisition Percentage in 2024-25 |
|--------|-------------------------------|---|--|---|
| 1 | Fiction | 11.4% | 18.2% | 16.3% |
| 2 | Applied Science | 17.1% | 12.9% | 13.7% |
| 3 | Geography & Travels | 5.2% | 5.3% | 6.7% |
| 4 | Language | 3.2% | 5.9% | 6.4% |
| 5 | Computer/IT | 3.8% | 6.2% | 6.3% |
| 6 | Business, Economics & Finance | 5.7% | 5.3% | 6.2% |
| 7 | Science | 5.8% | 6.3% | 6.2% |
| 8 | Social Sciences | 7.7% | 6.1% | 6.1% |
| 9 | Education | 5.7% | 5.6% | 6.0% |
| 10 | Arts | 9.3% | 6.2% | 5.7% |
| 11 | Philosophy | 3.9% | 6.1% | 5.3% |
| 12 | Home Economics | 4.4% | 3.7% | 3.7% |
| 13 | History | 5.0% | 4.2% | 3.6% |
| 14 | Literature | 4.9% | 3.0% | 2.7% |
| 15 | Sports & Recreation | 2.7% | 1.9% | 2.2% |
| 16 | Music | 1.6% | 1.1% | 1.5% |
| 17 | Religion | 1.4% | 1.5% | 1.1% |
| 18 | General Works | 1.2% | 0.5% | 0.3% |
| | Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

* Sorted by the "Overall Acquisition Percentage in 2024-25"

(c) Chinese Books for Junior Lending

| Order* | Subject | Percentage of Library Collection (as at March 2023) | Percentage over the Total Number of Loans in 2022-23 | Overall Acquisition Percentage in 2024-25 |
|--------|---|---|--|---|
| 1 | Picture Books | 26.0% | 33.2% | 30.4% |
| 2 | Language & Literature | 17.5% | 20.2% | 22.6% |
| 3 | Fiction | 13.0% | 11.7% | 10.0% |
| 4 | Translated Fiction | 12.4% | 7.8% | 9.8% |
| 5 | Science | 10.3% | 10.3% | 9.6% |
| 6 | Travels, History & Geography; Biography | 3.8% | 2.7% | 2.9% |
| 7 | Applied Science | 2.4% | 2.1% | 2.3% |
| 8 | Philosophy | 2.3% | 2.0% | 2.1% |
| 9 | Sports & Recreation | 1.6% | 1.9% | 2.1% |
| 10 | Arts | 1.6% | 1.1% | 1.6% |
| 11 | Chinese History, Geography & Travels | 2.2% | 1.5% | 1.5% |
| 12 | Social Sciences | 1.9% | 1.6% | 1.3% |
| 13 | Education | 1.5% | 1.2% | 1.0% |
| 14 | General Works | 1.3% | 1.0% | 0.8% |
| 15 | Religion | 1.0% | 0.7% | 0.8% |
| 16 | Computer/IT | 0.4% | 0.3% | 0.4% |
| 17 | Home Economics | 0.2% | 0.2% | 0.4% |
| 18 | Business, Economics & Finance | 0.5% | 0.4% | 0.3% |
| 19 | Music | 0.1% | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| | Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

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(d) English Books for Junior Lending

| Order* | Subject | Percentage of Library Collection (as at March 2023) | Percentage over the Total Number of Loans in 2022-23 | Overall Acquisition Percentage in 2024-25 |
|--------|-------------------------------|---|--|---|
| 1 | Picture Books | 25.1% | 34.4% | 34.6% |
| 2 | Language | 18.0% | 17.1% | 23.5% |
| 3 | Fiction | 15.9% | 22.1% | 19.2% |
| 4 | Science | 12.9% | 8.8% | 8.8% |
| 5 | Applied Science | 5.0% | 3.1% | 2.7% |
| 6 | Arts | 5.0% | 5.2% | 2.5% |
| 7 | Social Sciences | 3.7% | 2.2% | 2.0% |
| 8 | History | 3.3% | 1.3% | 1.3% |
| 9 | Literature | 1.7% | 0.9% | 1.0% |
| 10 | Sports & Recreation | 1.9% | 0.6% | 0.9% |
| 11 | Philosophy | 0.9% | 0.8% | 0.6% |
| 12 | Home Economics | 0.8% | 0.6% | 0.5% |
| 13 | Religion | 0.6% | 0.4% | 0.5% |
| 14 | Business, Economics & Finance | 1.3% | 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% | 0.4% | 0.3% |
| 18 | Music | 0.9% | 0.3% | 0.2% |
| 19 | General Works | 0.5% | 0.3% | 0.2% |
| | Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |