

**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%
<b>Total</b>		<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

**(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%
<b>Total</b>		<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

**(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%
<b>Total</b>		<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

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**(d) English Books for Junior Lending**

	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%
<b>Total</b>		<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>