

Public Libraries Advisory Committee
Summary of Discussion of the 55th Meeting Held on 16 March 2026

Business Plan of the Hong Kong Public Libraries for 2026-27 (PLAC 1/2026)

1. Members noted the report and made the following suggestions:
 - (a) To include elements with a human touch in the reprovisioned Pok Fu Lam Public Library to fit in with the local sentiment; to provide reading rooms in newly built libraries that offer a separate area for users with special needs or for parents and children to enjoy paired reading, so as to foster social inclusion and family harmony; and to provide media rooms for readers to watch videos. Members also suggested providing additional space for holding special activities to enhance reader interaction and reading ambience.
 - (b) To invite members of the community and grassroots families to visit newly built or reprovisioned libraries, thereby enhancing their understanding of library facilities and facilitating the promotion of library services.
 - (c) To organise exhibitions in the multi-purpose activity area of libraries.
 - (d) To extend the opening hours of study rooms during the public examination period for the convenience of users.
 - (e) To provide a map showing the activities of Library-on-Wheels, alongside producing posters and stickers with distinctive features for distribution to schools to strengthen publicity. Members also suggested communicating with schools regarding the theme of the Hong Kong Reading Week in advance to enable them to arrange tie-in activities.
 - (f) To arrange for reading ambassadors to promote reading to grassroots students so as to foster social inclusion.
 - (g) To organise competitions or special activities to promote parent-child reading during the Hong Kong Reading for All Day on 23 April.
 - (h) To set up photo-taking spots at Book Fair booths to spice up readers' experience.

- (i) To strengthen the promotion of library activities held in collaboration with celebrities by making use of their respective social media platforms.
- (j) To strengthen the promotion of the “Reading is Joyful” website on the library’s mobile app and increase interaction with readers on social media platforms.
- (k) To organise activities promoting cultural and creative industries.
- (l) To formulate strategies on various aspects and provide recommended book lists on different topics to readers by analysing the big data regarding readers’ reading habits.
- (m) To enhance the publicity of “Pop-up e-Book” and the compatibility between different e-readers so as to encourage the public to utilise the relevant services. Members also suggested providing a title list of “Pop-up e-Book” for public reference.
- (n) To enhance the publicity of the library collection in order to boost usage.
- (o) To link the “My Library” mobile app with the “iAM Smart+” to enable members of the public to apply for library cards, borrow books and access e-collections through “iAM Smart+”.

Age-Friendly Reading Services (PLAC 2/2026)

2. Members noted the report and made the following suggestions:

- (a) To publicise age-friendly services with a more positive image so as to attract the participation of the corresponding age group.
- (b) To organise workshops to let elders to create their own books and invite retired elders to share their experience or act as story ambassadors.
- (c) To place emphasis on reading-related themes when organising different age-friendly activities in order to fulfill the library’s objectives.
- (d) To organise activities that promote intergenerational reading.

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