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<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

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Question:

Regarding public libraries, self-service library stations and mobile library vans, please provide the following information for the past 5 years:

- 1) The numbers and usage rates of mobile library vans and self-service library stations in the territory.
- 2) The opening hours, stock sizes, numbers of loans, numbers of returns as well as the operating expenditures of mobile library vans and self-service library stations.
- 3) Please list the titles, numbers of loans and numbers of copies of the top 10 printed books and e-books of public libraries in terms of circulation by categories such as fiction and reference books.
- 4) Please list the titles, numbers of loans and numbers of copies of the top 10 printed books and e-books of self-service library stations in terms of circulation by categories such as fiction and reference books.
- 5) Please list the titles, numbers of loans and numbers of copies of the top 10 printed books and e-books of mobile library vans in terms of circulation by categories such as fiction and reference books.
- What is the process of acquiring works from authors for addition to library collection? What are the respective amounts of royalty paid to the authors and the publishers? What is the average amount of royalty for each book? Please provide a detailed formula for the calculation of royalty.

Asked by: Hon IP Kin-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 125)

Reply:

1) and 2) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) operates a total of 12 mobile libraries serving over 110 service stops across the territory. The service hours of mobile libraries are generally from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Monday to Saturday, providing services 6 days a week with a total of 42 hours. The stock sizes, attendances, numbers of loans and numbers of returns of the 12 mobile libraries in the past 5 years are tabulated below:

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Stock Size	461 377	470 677	475 421	482 814	491 962
Attendance	458 052	424 828	410 056	390 759	386 788
Number of Loans	719 004	656 231	627 960	588 468	553 205
Number of Returns	846 103	766 048	734 830	698 037	652 430

The LCSD provides 3 self-service library stations under a trial scheme, 1 each on Hong Kong Island, in Kowloon and in the New Territories at convenient locations with heavier pedestrian flow but far from existing libraries, rendering round-the-clock services such as borrowing, return, payment and pickup of reserved library materials. The 3 self-service library stations located at the Island East Sports Centre Sitting-out Area, Hong Kong Cultural Centre and Tsuen Nam Road, Tai Wai of the New Territories commenced service in December 2017, December 2018 and January 2020 respectively. The stock sizes, numbers of loans and numbers of returns of the self-service library stations since launch are tabulated below:

Year	2017	2018	2019
Number of Self-service Library Stations	1	2	2
Stock Size	11 067	24 675	25 609
Number of Loans	3 449	26 426	34 679
Number of Returns	3 991	51 135	63 499

All libraries under the Hong Kong Public Library (HKPL) are inter-connected by an integrated automated library system. The total operating expenditures for providing library services include staff cost and the costs of library materials, replacement of furniture and equipment, public utilities, system maintenance, store items, rental for libraries at leased premises, hiring of contracted services and other operational expenses. Since many functions are co-ordinated centrally, breakdown on the recurrent operating expenditures incurred by individual libraries (including static and mobile libraries) is not available. The total operating expenditures for providing library services in the past 5 years are tabulated below:

Financial Year	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (Estimate)
Total Operating Expenditures for Library Services (\$million)	992	1,047	1,099	1,162	1,255

3) to 5) Due to system constraints, the LCSD can only generally provide information on the top 10 books in terms of circulation in the past 5 years in the following 8 categories of books, namely adult Chinese fiction/non-fiction, junior Chinese fiction/non-fiction, adult English fiction/non-fiction, and junior English fiction/non-fiction. Details are at Annex I.

As regards e-books, as at December 2019, the HKPL had acquired or subscribed to 11 e-book collections with about 338 000 items. These e-book collections are hosted by different service providers and licensed for library use at individual service providers' platforms online through an annual subscription or a perpetual licence. These e-book platforms adopt different systems and classifications to suit their specific mode of service. Some of them do not maintain usage statistics by title or category. Due to system constraints, only the usage statistics for the past 2 years can be provided. According to available information, the top 10 e-book titles in terms of usage in 2018 and 2019 are at Annex II.

The HKPL acquires books through open tenders in accordance with the 6) Government's established procurement procedures and enters into contracts with suppliers stipulating that books provided to the HKPL can be lent to any third The HKPL is only required to pay contractual fees to the suppliers, and is not required to pay extra royalties. As regards the acquisition workflow, librarians will identify suitable books based on information obtained from a wide spectrum of sources, including publishers' and booksellers' catalogues, sample books, book reviews, bibliographies and subject guides, publishing news, and The HKPL also welcomes suggestions for acquisition from the bestseller lists. public and professional organisations. Suppliers are required to provide books according to contract terms upon an order placed by the HKPL. The HKPL will check, classify and catalogue the books upon receipt. Bibliographic information will be input into the library computer system before the books are distributed to respective libraries.

Hong Kong Public Libraries Top 10 Books in Terms of Circulation in 2019

Table 1 (Adult Chinese Fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	射鵰英雄傳(1)	921	11 053
2.	神鵰俠侶(1)	1 147	8 755
3.	俠客行 ⁽¹⁾	1 132	6 917
4.	倚天屠龍記 ⁽¹⁾	792	6 380
5.	鹿鼎記 ⁽¹⁾	865	6 102
6.	好好好	215	5 678
7.	去年今日此門	213	5 552
8.	結或不結 離或不離	215	5 524
9.	這是戰爭	215	5 521
10.	天龍八部 ⁽¹⁾	694	5 465

Table 2 (Adult Chinese Non-fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	大阪.京都 ⁽¹⁾	741	13 964
2.	東京食玩買終極天書(1)	715	11 993
3.	九州達人天書(1)	503	10 293
4.	東京(1)	533	10 111
5.	九州(1)	524	9 860
6.	九州:玩味泡湯親自然Easy go! (1)	489	9 846
7.	北海道達人天書 ⁽¹⁾	600	9 413
8.	紅楓粉櫻古意漫遊Easy Go!:京阪神 關西 ⁽¹⁾	630	9 335
9.	澳洲王(1)	495	9 201
10.	台北 九份 淡水 基隆 宜蘭食玩買 終極天書 ⁽¹⁾	472	9 013

Table 3 (Junior Chinese Fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	西遊記(1)	1 550	14 240
2.	三國演義(1)	1 178	12 137
3.	水滸傳(1)	1 249	9 075
4.	愛麗絲夢遊仙境/愛麗絲夢遊奇境(1)	1 821	8 847
5.	小王子(1)	1 882	8 290
6.	一千零一夜/天方夜譚(1)	1 450	7 286
7.	名 偵 探 福 爾 摩 斯 / 福 爾 摩 斯 探 案 集 / 神探福爾摩斯 / 偵探福爾摩斯 ⁽¹⁾	764	6 828
8.	綠野仙蹤/綠野仙踪 ⁽¹⁾	1 499	6 797
9.	紅樓夢(1)	869	6 217
10.	英倫魔術事件簿 ⁽²⁾ (老鼠記者)	251	5 519

Table 4 (Junior Chinese Non-fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	老夫子再版精選.第037冊,飛行夢 ⁽²⁾ (老夫子精選系列)	200	4 477
2.	大雄的人魚大海戰 ^{(1) (2)} (多啦A夢彩色電影版)	309	4 437
3.	什麼都不愛吃的皮皮 ⁽²⁾ (新雅.繪本館)	239	4 244
4.	Peppa Pig粉紅豬小妹. 睡覺時間 = Bedtime for Peppa ⁽²⁾ (粉紅豬小妹)	201	4 232
5.	這本書教你分左右	241	4 218
6.	大阪尋寶記 ⁽²⁾ (世界歷史探險系列)	169	4 082
7.	不准電視機吃飯 ⁽²⁾ (食物教育繪本)	240	4 045
8.	自信的甘筍 ⁽²⁾ (新雅.繪本館 菜園繪本系列)	239	4 031
9.	正義使者: 晃晃星人之卷 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ (精選圖畫書)	250	4 002
10.	寶寶,晚安! ⁽²⁾ (新雅.寶寶生活館)	202	3 923

Table 5 (Adult English Fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	The five people you meet in heaven	149	1 451
2.	The Great Gatsby (1)	190	1 225
3.	The time keeper	110	1 109
4.	Me before you (1)	96	1 074
5.	The fellowship of the ring (1) (2) (The lord of the rings)	244	1 039
6.	For one more day (1)	124	986
7.	Origin : a novel	80	946
	Nineteen eighty-four (1)	74	943
9.	The adventures of Sherlock Holmes (1)	147	864
10.	Animal farm: a fairy story (1)	78	855

Table 6 (Adult English Non-fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination. English language 2018 (2)	202	3 918
2.	Becoming (1)	160	1 641
3.	Thinking, fast and slow	106	1 611
4.	Cambridge English IELTS.10: with answers: authentic examination papers from Cambridge English language assessment (1) (2) (IELTS practice tests series)	73	1 474
5.	Hong Kong taxation and tax planning (1)	156	1 446
6.	Lonely Planet Eastern Europe	222	1 351
7.	21 lessons for the 21st century (1)	102	1 285
8.	Hong Kong company law (1)	178	1 239
	Language proficiency assessment for teachers. English language question papers ⁽²⁾	134	1 152
10.	Bad blood : secrets and lies in a Silicon Valley startup	85	1 131

Table 7 (Junior English Fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	Charlie and the chocolate factory (1)	394	4 704
2.	Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets ^{(1) (2)} (Harry Potter)	317	3 776
3.	Captain Underpants and the perilous plot of Professor Poopypants: the fourth epic novel ^{(1) (2)} (Captain Underpants)	307	3 454
4.	The hunt for the Colosseum ghost ⁽²⁾ (Geronimo Stilton special edition; Thea Stilton)	151	3 089
5.	No time to lose: the fifth journey through time (2) (Geronimo Stilton; Journey through time)	155	3 050
6.	The chocolate chase (2) (Geronimo Stilton)	146	2 858
7.	Matilda (1)	238	2 752
8.	The treasure of the sea (2) (Thea Stilton)	153	2 665
9.	The Land of Flowers: a Geronimo Stilton adventure (2) (Thea Stilton. Special edition)	145	2 647
10.	The Twits (1)	216	2 642

Table 8 (Junior English Non-fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	The laughing princess ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ (Oxford reading tree series)	354	5 188
2.	My little pony: friendship is magic	229	4 418
3.	Peppa loves Christmas ⁽²⁾ (Peppa Pig series)	119	2 522
4.	The smartest giant in town ⁽¹⁾	243	2 520
5.	Disney Pixar Toy story. The bunny surprise ⁽²⁾ (Learning ladder)	173	2 201
6.	Dog Man and Cat Kid ⁽²⁾ (Dog Man)	90	2 080
7.	Little Miss Princess ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ (Little Miss, my complete collection)	286	2 043
8.	The Gruffalo ⁽¹⁾	173	2 035
9.	The snail and the whale ⁽¹⁾	181	2 013
10.	My first Mr. Men lift-the-flap (1)	99	1 939

<u>Notes</u>

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Table 1 (Adult Chinese Fiction)

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1.	射鵰英雄傳(1)	960	10 590
2.	神鵰俠侶(1)	819	6 755
3.	森莎拉	215	5 960
4.	新女孩	213	5 904
5.	天龍八部 ⁽¹⁾	724	5 687
6.	珍瓏	218	5 652
7.	不一樣的口紅	214	5 642
8.	阿波羅的神壇	215	5 549
9.	鹿鼎記 ⁽¹⁾	776	5 524
10.	笑傲江湖 ⁽¹⁾	643	5 474

Table 2 (Adult Chinese Non-fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	東京食玩買終極天書(1)	768	13 445
2.	京阪神達人天書(1)	554	11 252
3.	北海道達人天書 ⁽¹⁾	640	11 124
4.	四國 香川 德島 高知 愛媛食玩買 終極天書 ⁽¹⁾	674	11 001
5.	大阪.京都 ⁽¹⁾	478	10 221
6.	紅楓粉櫻古意漫遊Easy Go!: 京阪神關西 ⁽¹⁾	515	10 036
7.	東京達人天書(1)	539	10 030
8.	名古屋 高山 金沢 白川郷 伊勢食 玩買終極天書 ⁽¹⁾	474	9 829
9.	澳洲王(1)	485	9 744
10.	沖繩王(1)	477	8 973

Table 3 (Junior Chinese Fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
	西遊記(1)	1 732	15 044
	三國演義(1)	1 236	12 136
3.	水滸傳 ⁽¹⁾	1 351	10 132
4.	愛麗斯漫遊仙境/ 愛麗絲夢遊奇境 ⁽¹⁾	1 830	9 354
5.	小王子(1)	1 816	9 200
6.	一千零一夜/天方夜譚(1)	1 669	8 130
7.	綠野仙蹤/綠野仙踪 ⁽¹⁾	1 596	7 178
8.	紅樓夢/石頭記(1)	916	7 011
9.	金牌鼠贏盡奧運會 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ (老鼠記者)	425	6 737
10.	幽靈旅館 ^{(1) (2)} (魔幻偵探所)	427	5 922

Table 4 (Junior Chinese Non-fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	老夫子再版精選. 第012冊 ⁽²⁾ (老夫子精選系列)	201	4 780
2.	我會說「謝謝」 ⁽²⁾ (湯瑪士小火車禮貌書)	200	4 061
3.	爆笑成語. 1 ⁽²⁾ (爆笑課堂系列)	198	3 968
4.	迷你多啦,放心交給它!	238	3 936
5.	一隻減肥的豬 ⁽²⁾ (新雅.繪本館)	206	3 903
6.	大雄的人魚大海戰 ⁽²⁾ (多啦A夢彩色電影版)	234	3 880
7.	白雪森林 ⁽²⁾ (《愛探險的朵拉》系列故事)	198	3 847
8.	腦筋大激活 ^{(1) (2)} (智fun系列)	264	3 821
9.	不害怕考試的17個學習秘訣 ⁽²⁾ (漫畫兒童卡內基)	165	3 799
10.	深海尋寶 ⁽²⁾ (愛探險的朵拉/和媽媽一起讀)	201	3 791

Table 5 (Adult English Fiction)

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1.	The five people you meet in heaven	161	1 817
2.	Origin : a novel ⁽¹⁾	104	1 538
3.	The time keeper	111	1 273
4.	For one more day ⁽¹⁾	126	1 141
5.	The Great Gatsby ⁽¹⁾	183	1 132
6.	Me before you ⁽¹⁾	89	1 047
7.	The Hobbit : or there and back again ⁽¹⁾	154	1 033
8.	The ABC murders ⁽¹⁾	80	858
9.	The adventures of Sherlock Holmes ⁽¹⁾	122	857
10.	My not so perfect life ⁽¹⁾	58	853

Table 6 (Adult English Non-fiction)

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1.	Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination. English language 2017 ⁽²⁾	205	4 128
2.	Cambridge English IELTS. 12: academic with answers: authentic examination papers. (2) (IELTS practice tests series)	120	1 774
3.	Lonely Planet Eastern Europe	236	1 658
4.	Thinking, fast and slow	100	1 585
5.	Advanced taxation in Hong Kong ⁽¹⁾	163	1 555
6.	Barron's IELTS : International English Language Testing System ⁽¹⁾	121	1 517
7.	Hong Kong company law ⁽¹⁾	133	1 474
8.	Hong Kong taxation and tax planning ⁽¹⁾	117	1 284
9.	The Norton anthology of English literature	140	1 252
10.	HKALE. AS use of English ⁽²⁾	533	1 217

Table 7 (Junior English Fiction)

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1.	Charlie and the chocolate factory ⁽¹⁾	388	5 092
2.	Captain Underpants and the perilous plot of Professor Poopypants: the fourth epic novel ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ (Captain Underpants series)	329	4 882
3.	Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ (Harry Potter series)	319	4 020
4.	The wizard's wand: the ninth adventure in the Kingdom of Fantasy ⁽²⁾ (Kingdom of Fantasy series)	154	3 240
5.	Charlie and the great glass elevator ⁽¹⁾	341	3 203
6.	Matilda (1)	258	3 112
7.	The hunt for the curious cheese ⁽²⁾ (Geronimo Stilton series)	148	3 008
8.	The giraffe and the pelly and me ⁽¹⁾	255	2 992
9.	The Twits (1)	215	2 824
10.	George's marvellous medicine ⁽¹⁾	255	2 805

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2.	My little pony: friendship is magic	236	5 075
3.	The smartest giant in town ⁽¹⁾	265	4 056
4.	Peppa loves Christmas ⁽²⁾ (Peppa Pig series)	120	2 706
5.	Disney Princess. Happy birthday, Princess! ⁽²⁾ (Learning ladder series)	199	2 621
6.	Thomas and the Easter Egg Hunt ⁽²⁾ (My first railway library series)	142	2 615
7.	Thomas and the piglets. ⁽²⁾ (Thomas & friends Step into reading series)	170	2 408
8.	Henry in the dark ⁽²⁾ (Step into reading. Step 2 Thomas & friends series)	170	2 328
9.	Mr. Nobody ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ (Mr. Men, my complete collection series)	284	2 297
10.	Stick Man ⁽¹⁾	152	1 949

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2.	神鵰俠侶(1)	840	9 092
3.	天龍八部 ⁽¹⁾	794	7 408
4.	笑傲江湖(1)	701	6 925
5.	鹿鼎記 ⁽¹⁾	823	6 879
6.	倚天屠龍記 ⁽¹⁾	716	6 671
7.	書劍恩仇錄(1)	800	6 213
8.	雪山飛狐 ⁽¹⁾	842	6 090
9.	某家的女兒	212	6 019
10.	衷心笑	221	5 789

Table 2 (Adult Chinese Non-fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	東京食玩買終極天書(1)	934	14 183
2.	香港中學文憑考試.中國語文(1)	1 206	14 144
3.	日本 大阪(1)	626	12 882
4.	大阪.京都 ⁽¹⁾	584	12 826
5.	北海道達人天書 ⁽¹⁾	549	10 722
6.	京阪神達人天書(1)	676	9 939
7.	東京達人天書(1)	567	9 891
8.	台北+近郊 高鐵遊:食玩買終極天書	438	9 750
9.	日本 京都(1)	482	9 182
10.	沖繩:藍天碧海琉球風情Easy go! (1)	477	8 756

Table 3 (Junior Chinese Fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	西遊記(1)	1 313	10 970
2.	小王子(1)	1 731	9 519
3.	一千零一夜/天方夜譚(1)	1 993	8 499
4.	愛麗斯漫遊仙境/愛麗絲漫遊奇境(1)	1 715	8 434
5.	金牌鼠赢盡奧運會 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ (老鼠記者)	465	7 885
6.	三國演義(1)	757	7 471
7.	水滸傳(1)	890	6 996
8.	綠野仙蹤/綠野仙踪 ⁽¹⁾	1 560	6 193
9.	紅樓夢/石頭記(1)	831	5 910
10.	福爾摩斯探案集/神探福爾摩斯/ 偵探福爾摩斯 ⁽¹⁾	665	5 807

Table 4 (Junior Chinese Non-fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
	老夫子精選系列. 第288冊 ⁽²⁾ (老夫子精選系列)	189	4 873
2.	動動腦.動動手.寶寶找一找	203	4 571
3.	迷你多啦,放心交給它!	278	4 501
4.	魔雪奇緣(1)	293	4 477
5.	一隻減肥的豬	207	4 375
6.	我會自己做功課 ⁽²⁾ (幼兒自理故事叢書)	201	4 221
7.	大雄的人魚大海戰 ⁽²⁾ (多啦A夢彩色電影版)	265	4 131
8.	聖誕營救大行動 ⁽²⁾ (湯馬仕小火車品德故事集)	203	4 086
9.	我很生氣 ⁽²⁾ (幼兒情緒故事叢書)	207	4 082
10.	爆笑成語. 1 ⁽²⁾ (爆笑課堂系列)	202	4 069

Table 5 (Adult English Fiction)

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1.	The five people you meet in heaven	176	2 069
2.	Me before you ⁽¹⁾	80	1 480
3.	The time keeper	111	1 458
4.	For one more day ⁽¹⁾	128	1 282
5.	The hobbit, or, there and back again (1)(2) (Lord of the rings)	157	1 219
6.	The great Gatsby ⁽¹⁾	196	1 183
7.	The girl on the train ⁽¹⁾	85	1 106
8.	The adventures and memoirs of Sherlock Holmes ⁽¹⁾	157	1 053
9.	The first phone call from heaven	87	957
10.	Nineteen eighty-four ⁽¹⁾	75	869

Table 6 (Adult English Non-fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination. English language ⁽¹⁾	1 181	16 656
2.	HKALE. AS use of English ⁽¹⁾	623	2 013
3.	Advanced taxation in Hong Kong ⁽¹⁾	212	1 852
4.	Thinking, fast and slow	101	1 794
5.	Hong Kong company law ⁽¹⁾	201	1 753
6.	Hong Kong mock examination: English language paper 1 & paper 3: question papers and examination report ⁽¹⁾	212	1 490
7.	Tuesdays with Morrie : an old man, a young man, and life's greatest lesson ⁽¹⁾	161	1 473
8.	Lonely Planet Japan ⁽¹⁾	215	1 398
9.	Lonely Planet Eastern Europe ⁽¹⁾	204	1 313
10.	Cambridge IELTS. 9: authentic examination papers from Cambridge ESOL	64	1 233

Table 7 (Junior English Fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	Charlie and the chocolate factory ⁽¹⁾	444	5 608
2.	Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ (Harry Potter series)	374	4 139
3.	George's marvellous medicine ⁽¹⁾	317	3 535
4.	The giraffe and the pelly and me ⁽¹⁾	269	3 473
5.	The cloud castle ⁽²⁾ (Thea Stilton Series)	151	3 379
6.	Back in time: the second journey through time ⁽²⁾ (Geronimo Stilton Series)	159	3 326
7.	Matilda ⁽¹⁾	287	3 322
8.	The Phoenix of Destiny: an epic Kingdom of Fantasy adventure ⁽²⁾ (Kingdom of Fantasy Series)	156	3 263
9.	The Twits ⁽¹⁾	223	3 122
10.	The BFG ⁽¹⁾	229	3 076

Table 8 (Junior English Non-fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	The strange box ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ (Oxford reading tree)	423	5 318
2.	My little pony: friendship is magic	237	3 334
3.	Thomas & friends : The great race ⁽²⁾ (Learning ladder)	182	3 239
4.	Thomas and the Easter Egg Hunt ⁽²⁾ (My first railway library)	151	3 221
5.	Thomas and the circus ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ (Thomas & friends The Thomas TV series!)	204	2 889
6.	Mr. Nobody ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ (Mr. Men, my complete collection)	304	2 829
7.	Peppa goes on holiday ⁽²⁾ (Peppa Pig)	107	2 622
8.	Watch me throw the ball! (1)(2) (Elephant & Piggie book)	214	2 564
9.	Little Miss Princess ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ (Little Miss, my complete collection)	219	2 523
10.	The treasure chest ⁽²⁾ (Oxford story tree)	132	2 449

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Hong Kong Public Libraries Top 10 Books in Terms of Circulation in 2016

Table 1 (Adult Chinese Fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	射鵰英雄傳(1)	882	10 030
2.	神鵰俠侶(1)	893	8 280
3.	笑傲江湖 ⁽¹⁾	740	6 747
4.	天龍八部 ⁽¹⁾	828	6 636
5.	鹿鼎記 ⁽¹⁾	865	6 632
6.	倚天屠龍記 ⁽¹⁾	768	6 510
7.	書劍恩仇錄(1)	854	5 824
8.	大宅	207	5 484
9.	有你,沒有你	203	5 427
10.	雪山飛狐 ⁽¹⁾	877	5 395

Table 2 (Adult Chinese Non-fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	香港中學文憑考試.中國語文(1)	1 009	12 933
2.	東京食玩買終極天書(1)	701	12 859
3.	京都 大阪+神戶 奈良 滋賀食玩買 終極天書 ⁽¹⁾	601	11 305
4.	日本 大阪(1)	524	11 303
5.	新加坡+聖淘沙 烏節路 小印度食玩 買終極天書 ⁽¹⁾	595	10 221
6.	九州食玩買終極天書(1)	509	10 163
7.	日本中部 : 名古屋 金沢 高山 白 川郷食玩買終極天書 ⁽¹⁾	441	9 692
8.	首爾+濟州 釜山 全境遊 : 食玩買 終極天書 ⁽¹⁾	405	9 161
9.	日本 東京 ⁽¹⁾	518	9 033
10.	日本 北海道: 札幌,小樽,旭川,登別,洞爺湖 ⁽¹⁾	587	8 777

Table 3 (Junior Chinese Fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
	小王子(1)	1 838	13 038
2.	西遊記(1)	811	7 367
3.	三國演義(1)	740	6 601
4.	一千零一夜/天方夜譚(1)	1 536	6 230
5.	度假鼠的旅行日記 ⁽²⁾	256	5 513
6.	水滸傳 ⁽¹⁾	828	5 331
7.	綠野仙蹤/綠野仙踪 ⁽¹⁾	1 152	5 265
8.	紅樓夢(1)	764	5 234
9.	愛麗絲夢遊仙境 ⁽¹⁾	946	5 193
10.	神探福爾摩斯(1)(2)	493	4 584

Table 4 (Junior Chinese Non-fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	魔雪奇緣 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ (迪士尼)	302	5 445
2.	迷你多啦,放心交給它!	276	4 857
3.	老夫子精選系列. 第267冊 ⁽²⁾ (老夫子精選系列)	190	4 712
4.	大雄的人魚大海戰 ⁽²⁾ (多啦A夢彩色電影版)	263	4 655
5.	誠實 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ (幼兒德育故事叢書)	356	4 641
6.	湯馬仕的特別任務 ⁽²⁾ (湯馬仕小火車品德故事集)	204	4 470
7.	Q小子生活筆記 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ (智fun系列)	296	4 466
8.	我很生氣 ⁽²⁾ (幼兒情緒故事叢書)	210	4 382
9.	漢堡包和叉燒包 ⁽²⁾ (新雅.繪本館)	202	4 328
10.	我會自己吃飯 ⁽²⁾ (幼兒自理故事叢書)	205	4 309

Table 5 (Adult English Fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	The five people you meet in heaven	180	2 251
2.	The time keeper	113	1 517
3.	For one more day	125	1 516
4.	The Great Gatsby ⁽¹⁾	184	1 276
5.	The hobbit, or, There and back again ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ (Lord of the rings)	152	1 187
6.	The first phone call from heaven	87	1 124
7.	The adventures of Sherlock Holmes ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ (Red classics Sherlock Holmes)	150	1 062
8.	Inferno : a novel	85	932
9.	Nineteen eighty-four ⁽¹⁾	65	826
10.	The girl on the train	63	819

Table 6 (Adult English Non-fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination. English language ⁽¹⁾	997	14 342
2.	HKALE. AS use of English ⁽¹⁾	668	3 087
3.	Advanced taxation in Hong Kong ⁽¹⁾	214	2 058
4.	Lonely Planet Japan ⁽¹⁾	209	1 816
5.	Hong Kong company law ⁽¹⁾	254	1 705
6.	Thinking, fast and slow	102	1 655
7.	HKCEE. Mathematics ⁽¹⁾	410	1 644
8.	Tuesdays with Morrie : an old man, a young man, and life's greatest lesson (1)	169	1 628
9.	Lonely Planet Scandinavia ⁽¹⁾	132	1 541
10.	Business writing for Hong Kong ⁽¹⁾	216	1 521

Table 7 (Junior English Fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	Charlie and the chocolate factory ⁽¹⁾	440	5 698
2.	Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ (Harry Potter series)	373	4 409
3.	Charlie and the great glass elevator ⁽¹⁾	349	3 614
4.	George's marvellous medicine ⁽¹⁾	296	3 611
5.	The BFG ⁽¹⁾	230	3 410
6.	The giraffe and the pelly and me ⁽¹⁾	279	3 349
7.	Matilda ⁽¹⁾	291	3 307
8.	The search for treasure: the sixth adventure in the Kingdom of Fantasy ⁽²⁾ (Geronimo Stilton series)	152	3 112
9.	The secret of the snow ⁽²⁾ (Thea Stilton special edition series)	153	2 845
10.	The Twits ⁽¹⁾	235	2 828

Table 8 (Junior English Non-fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	A sea mystery ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ (Oxford reading tree)	350	6 152
2.	Mr. Tickle ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ (Mr. Men, my complete collection)	503	4 677
3.	Thomas goes fishing ⁽²⁾ (Learning ladder)	191	3 806
4.	Thomas and the Easter Egg Hunt ⁽²⁾ (My first railway library)	150	3 579
5.	Thomas and the circus ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ (Thomas & friends The Thomas TV series!)	208	3 521
6.	The golden touch ⁽²⁾ (Read at home)	278	2 985
7.	The story of Thomas the Tank Engine	145	2 977
8.	Little Miss Princess ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ (Little Miss, my complete collection)	222	2 934
9.	The gingerbread man ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ (Read it yourself with Ladybird)	201	2 860
10.	The treasure chest ⁽²⁾ (Oxford story tree)	134	2 709

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Table 1 (Adult Chinese Fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	射鵰英雄傳(1)	874	9 835
2.	神鵰俠侶(1)	939	7 498
3.	天龍八部 ⁽¹⁾	570	6 822
4.	笑傲江湖 ⁽¹⁾	792	6 593
5.	鹿鼎記 ⁽¹⁾	920	6 361
6.	倚天屠龍記 ⁽¹⁾	822	6 309
7.	書劍恩仇錄(1)	908	6 041
8.	雪山飛狐 ⁽¹⁾	908	5 339
9.	龍戰在野 ⁽¹⁾	199	5 258
10.	紅杏與牆	206	5 247

Table 2 (Adult Chinese Non-fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	韓國 大首爾(1)	786	12 441
2.	台灣 大台北 : 台北市、新北市(1)	741	11 235
3.	東京食玩買終極天書(1)	601	11 172
4.	曼谷+芭堤雅 華欣 沙美島 : 食玩 買終極天書 ⁽¹⁾	618	11 085
5.	台北+高鐵全線遊食玩買終極天書(1)	603	10 975
6.	香港中學文憑考試考試報告及試題專輯.中國語文	835	10 900
7.	新加坡+聖淘沙 民丹島 新山食玩買 終極天書 ⁽¹⁾	642	9 985
8.	日本 東京 ⁽¹⁾	533	9 422
9.	日本 大阪(1)	497	9 009
10.	九州食玩買終極天書(1)	539	8 760

Table 3 (Junior Chinese Fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	小王子(1)	1 622	10 196
2.	三國演義(1)	1 121	8 973
3.	西遊記(1)	1 177	8 631
4.	水滸傳 ⁽¹⁾	1 319	8 452
5.	愛麗絲夢遊仙境 ⁽¹⁾	1 269	7 724
6.	紅樓夢(1)	958	6 276
7.	貓島變金子「魔法」 ⁽²⁾ (老鼠記者系列)	242	5 534
8.	神探福爾摩斯(1)	594	5 498
9.	綠野仙蹤 = The wonderful wizard of oz ⁽¹⁾	874	4 803
10.	魯濱遜漂流記 ⁽¹⁾	911	4 686

Table 4 (Junior Chinese Non-fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	大雄的人魚大海戰 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ (多啦A夢彩色電影版系列)	258	5 594
2.	迷你多啦,放心交給它!	268	5 495
3.	不浪費 ⁽²⁾ (幼兒德育故事叢書系列)	252	4 722
4.	多啦A夢:歷史解謎探險隊 ⁽¹⁾	253	4 603
5.	我不放棄 ⁽²⁾ (幼兒情緒故事叢書系列)	200	4 468
6.	多啦A夢/電影故事:大雄的秘密道 具博物館	202	4 426
7.	老夫子精選系列. 第237冊 ⁽²⁾ (老夫子四格六格系列)	194	4 416
8.	交通工具 ⁽²⁾ (猜猜揭頁書系列)	201	4 414
9.	寵物訓練營 ⁽²⁾ (喜羊羊與灰太狼系列)	212	4 381
10.	臺灣尋寶記 ⁽²⁾ (世界歷史探險系列)	169	4 280

Table 5 (Adult English Fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	The five people you meet in heaven	175	2 387
2.	The hobbit, or, There and back again ⁽¹⁾	159	1 823
3.	For one more day	128	1 733
4.	The time keeper	104	1 674
5.	The fellowship of the ring: being the first part of The lord of the rings ⁽¹⁾	143	1 452
6.	The first phone call from heaven	80	1 250
7.	The great Gatsby ⁽¹⁾	158	1 141
8.	Inferno : a novel	86	1 070
9.	Life of Pi ⁽¹⁾	102	1 042
10.	A tale of two cities ⁽¹⁾	123	889

Table 6 (Adult English Non-fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination. English language	823	11 599
2.	HKALE. AS use of English	755	4 717
3.	HKCEE. Mathematics	502	3 314
4.	Advanced taxation in Hong Kong ⁽¹⁾	55	2 229
5.	Tuesdays with Morrie : an old man, a young man, and life's greatest lesson ⁽¹⁾	111	1 910
6.	Lonely Planet Japan.	225	1 742
7.	Thinking, fast and slow	99	1 666
8.	Hong Kong company law ⁽¹⁾	70	1 641
9.	Practical English usage ⁽¹⁾	60	1 604
10.	Lonely Planet Eastern Europe	180	1 514

Table 7 (Junior English Fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	Charlie and the chocolate factory ⁽¹⁾	356	5 094
2.	George's marvellous medicine ⁽¹⁾	301	4 224
3.	Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets ⁽¹⁾	380	3 747
4.	Charlie and the great glass elevator ⁽¹⁾	281	3 690
5.	Matilda ⁽¹⁾	275	3 614
6.	Hurry up, Houdini! ⁽²⁾ (Magic tree house series)	280	3 409
7.	The BFG ⁽¹⁾	239	3 312
8.	The giraffe and the pelly and me ⁽¹⁾	248	3 285
9.	The hunt for the golden book ⁽²⁾ (Geronimo Stilton series)	139	3 252
10.	The secret of the fairies ⁽²⁾ (Thea Stilton series)	137	3 054

Table 8 (Junior English Non-fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	Sleeping Beauty ⁽¹⁾	659	10 608
2.	The motorway ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ (Oxford reading tree series)	514	8 170
3.	Robin Hood ⁽¹⁾	498	7 300
4.	Thomas & friends: Trouble in the tunnel ⁽¹⁾	256	5 088
5.	Thomas and the jet engine ⁽¹⁾	266	5 008
6.	Thomas goes fishing ⁽¹⁾	257	4 852
7.	Mr. Tickle ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ (My Mr. Men Library series)	433	4 733
8.	Mr. Happy ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ (Mr. Men, my complete collection series)	441	4 633
9.	Little Miss Sunshine ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ (My Little Miss Library series)	434	4 280
10.	Cinderella ⁽¹⁾	260	4 081

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Hong Kong Public Libraries Top 10 e-Book Titles in Terms of Usage in 2019

Different service providers have used different statistical elements, such as numbers of e-books consulted, searches, tracks played, browses by category, to present the usage of their databases. The top 10 e-book titles in terms of usage are tabulated below.

Table 1 (Chinese e-Books)

Item	Title	Online Reading, Borrowing and Trial	Title of e-Book Collections
1.	被討厭的勇氣:自我啟發之父「阿德勒」的教導	2 201	HyRead ebook
2.	現金流為王	1 781	SUEP e-Book
3.	大富翁致富藍圖	1 475	SUEP e-Book
4.	50優質潛力股	1 431	SUEP e-Book
5.	黄阿瑪的後宮生活:貓永遠是對 的	1 409	HyRead ebook
6.	角落小夥伴的生活之角落小夥伴 名言	1 303	HyRead ebook
7.	為了活下去:脫北女孩朴研美	1 279	HyRead ebook
8.	比小說更好看的理財故事書:巴 比倫富翁的秘密	1 257	HyRead ebook
9.	日語333超快速學習法:3個訣竅, 3個階段,3天說一口流利日語	1 251	HyRead ebook
10.	21世紀的21堂課	1 248	HyRead ebook

Table 2 (English e-Books)

Item	Title	Online Reading and Download	Title of e-Book Collections
1.	Social Psychology	266	ProQuest Ebook Central ⁽¹⁾
2.	The Most Important Thing Illuminated: Uncommon Sense for the Thoughtful Investor	130	ProQuest Ebook Central ⁽¹⁾
3.	The Rise of Modern Philosophy: A New History of Western Philosophy, Volume 3	128	ProQuest Ebook Central ⁽¹⁾
4.	Big Nate: I Can't Take It!	123	OverDrive eBooks
5.	My Little Forest	113	eBooks on EBSCO <i>host</i>
6.	Psychology, Theology, and Spirituality in Christian Counseling	108	ProQuest Ebook Central ⁽¹⁾
7.	Curious George Good Night, Zoo (CGTV)	85	eBooks on EBSCO <i>host</i>
7.	Five Funny Bunnies	85	eBooks on EBSCO <i>host</i>
7.	Light	85	eBooks on EBSCO <i>host</i>
7.	The Frozen Rainbow	85	eBooks on EBSCO <i>host</i>
8.	Garfield Volume 1	83	OverDrive eBooks
9.	Click	82	eBooks on EBSCO <i>host</i>
10.	The World's Best Jokes for Kids Volume 1	81	eBooks on EBSCO <i>host</i>

Notes (1) Formerly known as ebrary Academic Complete.

Table 3 (Audio e-Books)

Item	Title	Tracks Played	Title of e-Book Collections
1.	Pride and Prejudice	2 937	Naxos Spoken
2.	Moby Dick	2 900	Word Library (Audio book)
3.	AESOP: Fables	2 624	
4.	The Count of Monte Cristo	2 193	
5.	War and Peace, Vol. 1	2 119	
6.	Don Quixote	2 007	
7.	Gargantua and Pantagruel	1 769	
8.	Jane Eyre	1 734	
9.	Vanity Fair	1 681	
10.	Wuthering Heights	1 661	

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Item	Title	Online Reading, Borrowing and Trial	Title of e-Book Collections
1.	哆啦A夢. 第1包	1 491	HyRead ebook
2.	為了活下去:脫北女孩朴研美	1 354	HyRead ebook
3.	媽媽忘記了	1 229	HyRead ebook
4.	每天聽一點職場英文:上班族英語不NG,用這本就對了!3種難 易程度任你選,不怕不好上手	1 152	HyRead ebook
5.	名偵探柯南.1	1 124	HyRead ebook
6.	角落小夥伴的生活之角落小夥伴 名言	1 049	HyRead ebook
7.	20000英文單字:英檢.新多益.托 福.GRE拿高分	1 034	HyRead ebook
7.	大富翁致富藍圖	1 034	SUEP e-Book
8.	哆啦A夢. 第3包	947	HyRead ebook
9.	被討厭的勇氣:自我啟發之父「阿德勒」的教導	851	HyRead ebook
10.	趣味漫畫學成語	850	HyRead ebook

Table 2 (English e-Books)

Item	Title	Online Reading and Download	Title of e-Book Collections
1.	Social Psychology	296	ProQuest Ebook Central ⁽¹⁾
2.	The Tale of Peter Rabbit	290	eBooks on EBSCO <i>host</i>
3.	Bayesian Modeling Using WinBUGS	134	ProQuest Ebook Central ⁽¹⁾
4.	The Girl Before	133	eBooks on EBSCO <i>host</i>
4.	Bayesian Methods for Management and Business: Pragmatic Solutions for Real Problems	133	ProQuest Ebook Central ⁽¹⁾
5.	PoPo's Lucky Chinese New Year	124	eBooks on EBSCO <i>host</i>
6.	Love Is	118	eBooks on EBSCO <i>host</i>
7.	HTML5 and CSS3 All-in-One For Dummies	117	eBooks on EBSCO <i>host</i>
7.	My Little Cities: London	117	eBooks on EBSCO <i>host</i>
8.	Expressive Arts Interventions for School Counselors	111	ProQuest Ebook Central ⁽¹⁾
9.	Introduction to Game Design, Prototyping, and Development	105	eBooks on EBSCO <i>host</i>
10.	Personal Finance in Your 20s and 30s For Dummies	103	eBooks on EBSCO <i>host</i>

Notes (1) Formerly known as ebrary Academic Complete.

Table 3 (Audio e-Books)

Item	Title	Tracks Played	Title of e-Book Collections
1.	The Decameron	15 800	Naxos Spoken Word Library (Audio book)
2.	Ulysses	7 527	
3.	Les Misérables	6 662	
4.	The Life of Samuel Johnson	6 104	
5.	The Pickwick Papers	5 408	
6.	A History of Western Philosophy	5 281	
7.	Paradise Lost	5 066	
8.	Little Dorrit	5 029	
9.	Sense and Sensibility	4 932	
10.	Mansfield Park	4 675	