

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB338****(Question Serial No. 5058)**Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (5) Public LibrariesControlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

1. What is the attendance figure of each of the static public libraries of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in the past 5 years? 2. What are the numbers of e-book collections, loans of e-books, as well as the expenditures incurred in the acquisition of e-books in each of the past 5 years? 3. How many books were written off in each of the past 5 years and how were they disposed of?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (LegCo internal reference no.: 996)Reply:

1. The annual attendance figures of each of the static public libraries of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in the past 5 years (2015 to 2019) are set out at Annex I.
2. As at 31 December 2019, the Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL) had acquired or subscribed to 11 e-book collections with about 338 000 items. The total number of titles of e-book collections in the past 5 years is at Annex II. Unlike physical library materials, e-book collections are hosted by service providers and licensed for library use at service providers' platforms through an annual subscription or a perpetual licence. Different service providers use different statistical elements, such as the number of e-books consulted, searches, tracks played and browses by category, to present the usage of their databases. The usage statistics of e-book collections in the past 5 years are at Annex III. The expenditures on the acquisition and subscription of e-book collections in the past 5 years are set out in the table below:

Year	Expenditure (\$million)
2015-16	3.5
2016-17	4.2
2017-18	4.0
2018-19	6.1
2019-20 (Estimate)	6.1

3. The HKPL writes off unserviceable library books in accordance with the Government's established procedures. The numbers of library books withdrawn in the past 5 years are set out in the table below:

Year	Number of Library Books Withdrawn ⁽¹⁾ (million items)
2015-16	0.36
2016-17	0.55
2017-18	0.49
2018-19	0.46
2019-20 ⁽²⁾ (as at 29 February 2020)	0.08

Notes

- (1) The HKPL disposes of unserviceable library books for recycling through the Government's term contractor. The HKPL also donates books considered as surplus to community libraries and schools.
- (2) The number of book withdrawn in 2019-20 is lower than that in 2018-19 since the withdrawal of some books for 2019-20 has yet to be approved.

The LCSD plans to launch the "Books Sharing in the Community Scheme" (the Scheme) in 2020, with a view to strengthening collaboration with community libraries by donating outdated library books to be withdrawn to organisations in the fields of education, science, culture and charity for non-profit-making purposes. Community libraries participating in the "Libraries@neighbourhood – Community Libraries Partnership Scheme" of the HKPL will be invited to join the Scheme for promoting reading in the community.

Annual Attendance Figures of Static Public Libraries from 2015 to 2019

District	Static Public Libraries	Total Attendance				
		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Hong Kong Island						
Central and Western	City Hall	843 720	800 385	797 105	793 917	775 753
	Shek Tong Tsui	572 677	553 690	535 206	495 452	498 227
	Smithfield	306 265	284 928	271 108	281 722	287 224
Eastern	Chai Wan	623 790	595 165	569 806	549 486	535 725
	Electric Road	257 423	261 733	254 598	252 381	245 964
	North Point	317 363	318 334	315 482	310 039	310 424
	Quarry Bay	524 212	512 455	505 960	510 706	469 714
	Siu Sai Wan	423 072	412 135	412 190	408 203	344 801
	Yiu Tung	204 922	188 321	179 340	166 915	138 323
Southern	Aberdeen	611 754	597 137	568 382	513 630	568 423
	Ap Lei Chau	234 963	236 570	226 623	225 641	220 945
	Pok Fu Lam	245 966	229 601	217 085	206 067	199 792
	Stanley	159 265	155 274	146 963	135 680	142 726
Wan Chai	Hong Kong Central Library	3 884 305	3 983 294	3 937 700	4 017 675	3 574 531
	Lockhart Road	621 554	585 399	562 394	527 578	478 967
	Wong Nai Chung	187 684	178 567	169 275	162 936	170 699
Kowloon						
Kowloon City	Hung Hom	346 164	338 494	323 870	318 146	306 972
	Kowloon	654 628	638 919	606 782	612 432	608 554
	Kowloon City	253 309	240 302	226 338	207 805	224 419
	To Kwa Wan	568 644	524 535	542 196	518 434	505 528
Kwun Tong	Lam Tin	937 622	932 359	879 721	909 935	834 507
	Lei Yue Mun	173 267	167 342	153 592	144 122	127 539
	Ngau Tau Kok	602 788	585 630	545 317	512 463	500 984
	Sau Mau Ping	174 565	163 493	154 908	148 151	141 518
	Shui Wo Street	616 386	584 079	570 602	535 129	533 874
	Shun Lee Estate	185 419	172 159	165 309	155 907	171 609

District	Static Public Libraries	Total Attendance				
		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Sham Shui Po	Lai Chi Kok	752 912	753 574	741 406	731 111	738 633
	Po On Road	1 037 578	995 809	954 798	913 356	907 345
	Shek Kip Mei	312 894	297 257	281 414	275 664	282 236
	Un Chau Street	305 729	296 386	283 109	280 572	277 223
Wong Tai Sin	Fu Shan	206 471	216 993	204 898	191 633	189 975
	Lok Fu	266 987	267 706	271 933	267 891	242 003
	Lung Hing	330 158	309 740	317 353	322 523	312 759
	Ngau Chi Wan	470 168	454 500	434 586	411 874	398 989
	San Po Kong	820 150	821 905	788 210	712 553	763 647
	Tsz Wan Shan	383 288	378 918	377 249	375 177	374 569
Yau Tsim Mong	Fa Yuen Street	613 009	593 651	567 884	546 933	512 452
	Tai Kok Tsui	432 352	441 861	424 735	431 427	425 891
	Tsim Sha Tsui	177 598	164 060	164 193	147 681	137 924
	Yau Ma Tei	643 443	620 774	512 561	516 696	496 324
New Territories						
Islands	Cheung Chau	243 328	226 948	219 849	202 462	200 201
	Mui Wo	47 046	46 823	46 084	46 096	46 851
	North Lamma ⁽¹⁾	6 707	6 906	5 918	5 545	40 465
	Peng Chau	39 450	33 834	31 907	32 165	32 755
	South Lamma	2 176	1 767	1 685	1 493	1 411
	Tai O	31 626	32 026	31 843	32 035	31 596
	Tung Chung	435 607	428 686	499 371	477 226	443 792
Kwai Tsing	North Kwai Chung	444 132	478 932	450 702	486 513	478 854
	South Kwai Chung	695 794	679 332	682 604	649 216	625 753
	Tsing Yi	776 137	768 977	735 896	729 551	716 238
North	Fanling	696 702	667 623	629 502	610 178	604 924
	Fanling South ⁽²⁾	-	128 178	311 774	305 710	300 887
	Sha Tau Kok	34 997	30 372	30 363	27 025	24 339
	Sheung Shui	913 134	855 719	788 055	754 361	689 921
Sai Kung	Sai Kung	358 132	316 994	303 886	303 806	312 810
	Tiu Keng Leng ⁽³⁾	527 078	986 771	949 419	926 497	914 338
	Tseung Kwan O	828 102	719 751	731 173	667 166	636 857

District	Static Public Libraries	Total Attendance				
		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Sha Tin	Lek Yuen	253 087	238 224	224 131	215 587	203 445
	Ma On Shan	978 411	967 464	915 357	855 276	839 459
	Sha Tin	1 376 101	1 276 188	1 176 802	1 128 258	1 025 193
	Yuen Chau Kok ⁽⁴⁾	-	-	621 644	668 592	629 598
Tai Po	Tai Po	1 195 042	1 155 336	1 129 387	1 079 983	1 057 952
Tsuen Wan	Shek Wai Kok	131 844	122 348	119 759	118 578	116 105
	Tsuen Wan	1 357 256	1 312 808	1 253 651	1 185 457	1 107 659
Tuen Mun	Butterfly Estate	225 961	215 396	194 941	180 022	166 047
	Tai Hing	413 835	400 848	343 678	324 827	323 764
	Tuen Mun	1 380 554	1 381 145	1 333 236	1 285 027	1 253 363
Yuen Long	Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai	1 210 390	1 315 416	1 246 221	1 192 715	1 140 411
	Tin Shui Wai North	393 587	398 973	408 417	380 238	310 857
	Yuen Long ⁽⁵⁾	993 757	991 564	1 073 523	1 046 875	1 044 427
TOTAL		37 274 437	37 038 783	36 652 959	35 664 123	34 297 984

Notes

- (1) North Lamma Public Library (Small Library) was re-opened in June 2019 after reconstruction with enhanced facilities and services.
- (2) Fanling South Public Library (Small Library) was opened in August 2016.
- (3) Tiu Keng Leng Public Library (District Library) was opened in July 2015.
- (4) Yuen Chau Kok Public Library (District Library) was opened in March 2017.
- (5) Yuen Long Pubic Library (District Library) was reprovisioned to the new premises in June 2017 with enhanced facilities and services.

Hong Kong Public Libraries
Total Number of Titles of e-Book Collections (2015 to 2019)

Item	Title of e-Book Collections	Total Number of Titles ⁽¹⁾				
		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
1	HyRead ebook (launched in June 2016)	-	3 010	6 699	9 598	12 121
2	SUEP e-Book (launched in April 2017)	-	-	2 016	3 573	4 231
3	Apabi Chinese eBooks	86 300	91 900	95 200	98 560	104 000
4	ProQuest Ebook Central ⁽²⁾	129 000	138 800	149 270	156 615	177 318
5	eBooks on EBSCOhost	4 018	7 600	12 993	17 960	22 301
6	Funpark (launched in April 2018)	-	-	-	314	373
7	OverDrive eBooks (launched in February 2019)	-	-	-	-	4 987
8	Naxos Spoken Word Library (Audio book)	1 492	1 492	6 134	6 932	11 764
9	Vista E-Book in Traditional Chinese	430	430	467	467	467
10-11	Safari Books Online ⁽³⁾	523	523	524	523	522

Notes

- (1) The e-book collections are hosted by service providers and licensed for library use at service providers' platforms through an annual subscription or a perpetual licence.
- (2) Formerly known as ebrary Academic Complete.
- (3) Including Safari Business Books Online and Safari Tech Books Online.

**Hong Kong Public Libraries
Usage of e-Book Collections (2015 to 2019)**

Different service providers have used different statistical elements, such as the number of e-books consulted, searches, tracks played and browses by category to present the usage of their databases. The usage statistics of e-book collections of the Hong Kong Public Libraries provided by individual e-book database service providers from 2015 to 2019 are tabulated below.

Item	Title of e-Book Collections	Statistical Elements Adopted	Use Count				
			2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<i>Collections adopting similar statistical elements based on the number of e-Books consulted</i>							
1	HyRead ebook (launched in June 2016)	online reading, borrowing and trial	-	116 649	244 885	353 543	600 520
2	SUEP e-Book (launched in April 2017)	online reading, borrowing and trial	-	-	47 803	116 279	211 572
3	Apabi Chinese eBooks	online reading and borrowing	74 610	59 578	64 071	56 716	54 572
4	ProQuest Ebook Central ⁽¹⁾	online reading and download	25 019	21 178	28 081	30 998	23 135
5	eBooks on EBSCOhost	online reading and download	8 851	17 185	26 277	26 634	24 899
6	FunPark (launched in April 2018)	online reading	-	-	-	25 149	30 350
7	OverDrive eBooks (launched in February 2019)	borrowing	-	-	-	--	18 962
Sub-total			108 480	214 590	411 117	609 319	964 010
<i>Collections adopting other statistical elements</i>							
8	Naxos Spoken Word Library (Audio book)	tracks played	33 635	41 793	26 134	26 315	28 949
9	Vista E-Book in Traditional Chinese	browses by category	25 567	22 403	17 771	13 015	11 821
10-11	Safari Books Online ⁽²⁾	searches	10 060	10 084	9 871	8 971	7 502

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(1) Formerly known as ebrary Academic Complete.

(2) Including Safari Business Books Online and Safari Tech Books Online.

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