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Question:

Regarding the provision of public library services, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What were the annual expenditures of public libraries in each of the past 5 years?
- (b) What were the sizes of the library stock by type for each of the public libraries in the past 5 years?
- (c) What were the total number of loans of public library books and the respective numbers of loans of Chinese books, English books and other books by type in each of the past 5 years?
- (d) How do the Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL) perform in terms of its borrowing rates when compared with libraries in the neighbouring areas such as Taiwan and Singapore?
- (e) How many books were written off in each of the past 5 years and how were they disposed of?
- (f) What were the annual attendance figures of public libraries and the attendance figures by public library in each of the past 5 years?
- (g) What measures are in place to promote reading and what is the expenditure involved?
- (h) Has it been considered that additional resources be allocated to digitise library materials, increase "book floating spots" and mobile library stops, and establish "self-service libraries" similar to those in Taiwan? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun (Member Question No. 28)

Reply:

- (a) The actual expenditures of the Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL) in the past 5 years are as follows:

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2011-12	783.4
2012-13	851.0
2013-14	874.6
2014-15	979.8
2015-16 (Estimated)	1,068.6

- (b) The HKPL currently provides a network of 68 static libraries and 12 mobile libraries which are evenly spread over the territory of Hong Kong and inter-connected by an integrated automated library system. Users have convenient access to the catalogue of HKPL's entire collection and enjoy a wide range of library services via the online and mobile platforms. They may also borrow and return library materials at any public libraries.

Generally speaking, the library collections are planned and managed according to a five-tier structure with complementary roles: central library, major library, district library, small library and mobile library. The collections of individual libraries depend on their types and are subject to on-going reviews and adjustments from time to time. The Hong Kong Central Library (HKCL) is a major information centre serving the whole territory across Hong Kong. To supplement the static libraries, the 12 mobile libraries serve 108 mobile library service points across the territory. The library stocks of the HKCL and mobile libraries can complement the library collection of branch libraries in all districts and meet the information needs of the users.

The size of the library stocks of the HKCL, branch libraries (major libraries, district libraries, and small libraries) and mobile libraries in the past 5 years is set out in Annex I. The stock figures of each library as shown in Annex I represent the net change in the stock size, resulting from both intake of new library materials and withdrawal of unserviceable materials during the five-year period. Furthermore, the HKPL will set up a Central Reserve Stack in 2017-18 to support the rotation and transfer of library stock between libraries.

- (c) The total numbers of loans by types of library materials in the past 5 years are as follows:

Type of library materials	Total number of loans (million)				
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Chinese books	43.97	41.45	40.81	38.93	37.77
English books	11.49	11.86	12.07	11.60	11.42
Others	3.04	2.85	2.66	2.33	2.15
Total*	58.50	56.15	55.54	52.86	51.34

* The figures may not add up due to rounding.

- (d) Overall speaking, the HKPL's services are comparable to metropolitan libraries in major cities and countries such as Singapore. According to the latest survey conducted by the Metropolitan Libraries Section of International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) in 2012, the circulation (borrowing) rate per capita of the HKPL was 7.82 items per capita, which was comparable to the circulation rate of 7.09 items per capita of the National Library Board of Singapore. Apart from benchmarking with overseas counterparts, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) conducts annual customer liaison meetings and commissions regular opinion surveys on the services of the HKPL as part of its on-going efforts to gauge the public's views on the existing services and future service needs. The findings from the opinion survey in 2014-15 conducted by HKPL showed that 85.6% of library users were satisfied with the services and facilities of public libraries. These channels enable the HKPL to collect useful feedbacks from public members in the delivery of public library services.
- (e) Weeding is an on-going process to ensure the vitality and usefulness of the collections to the community and to make room for new materials. The HKPL writes off unserviceable library books in accordance with the Disposal Procedures laid down in Government's Stores and Procurement Regulations. In general, library books will be written off when (i) the library items become worn out/damaged; or (ii) the information contained is outdated. The numbers of library books withdrawn in the past 5 years are as follows:

Year	Number of library books withdrawn ('000)
2011-12	620
2012-13	630
2013-14	600
2014-15	400
2015-16 (Up to February 2016)	50*

* The withdrawal process in 2015-16 has been deferred pending an overall review on collection management and enhancement of the withdrawal mechanism. It is expected that the withdrawal process will resume upon completion of the review in 2016-17.

- (f) The annual attendance figures of public libraries and the attendance figures by public library in each of the past 5 years (2011-2015) are tabulated in Annex II.
- (g) The HKPL promotes reading by organising a wide variety of reading activities. Territory-wide reading activities held include Reading Programmes for Children and Youth, Reading Clubs, Paired Reading Talks and Workshops, Thematic Storytelling Workshops, "Meet-the-Authors" Talk Series, "Summer Reading Month", "4.23 World Book Day Creative Competition", etc. Thematic panels as well as roving exhibitions of books with tie-in recommended booklists are scheduled for display at various libraries. The expenditure borne by the LCSD in organising these reading activities in 2015-16 is estimated at \$2.27 million.

Since January 2008, the HKPL has been collaborating with the District Councils (DCs) and local bodies to organise reading activities to cater for the needs and characteristics of individual districts. Such activities include Summer Reading Programme in Shum Shui Po District, Tuen Mun Reading Festival, Summer Reading Fun in Sai Kung District and Reading Carnival@Tung Chung. In order to foster reading habits among the public and to optimise the use of the library collection, the HKPL offers block loan service to schools and community organisations on a regular basis.

- (h) The HKPL, like other metropolitan library systems, has been selecting suitable materials from different sources for digitisation after obtaining authorisation from the copyright holders. At present, the HKPL has about 8 000 hours of digitised audiovisual recordings and more than 4 million digitised pages of printed library materials, including old newspapers, photographs, maps and manuscripts, made available in the HKPL's digital library Multimedia Information System (MMIS) to the public at all static libraries and on the Internet. It is estimated that the HKPL will spend \$0.6 million to continue the digitisation of about 1 000 hours of audiovisual recordings and 90 000 pages of printed materials for the MMIS in 2016-17.

To further extend the public library services to individual communities, the HKPL organises the Libraries@neighbourhood - Community Libraries Partnership Scheme that aims to provide community-based library services in collaboration with non-profit making local community organisations. These organisations are offered block loan of library materials together with professional advice on setting up community libraries tailored to their target audiences. As at the end of 2015, over 200 community libraries were set up in 18 districts by non-profit making organisations.

Mobile library service aims to serve densely populated communities or remote areas where there is no static library in the vicinity or without immediate plans for the provision of static libraries in the near future. The LCSD has commissioned two new mobile libraries, namely Mobile Library 11 and 12, into services since 7 July 2014 to meet the needs of the public for library services. Currently, there are a total of 12 mobile libraries serving 108 stops across the territory. As the existing provision of service is generally sufficient to cater for the needs of the communities, the LCSD has no plan for setting up additional mobile library while keeping in view of library usages.

The HKPL plans to provide 3 self-service library units, 1 each on Hong Kong Island, in Kowloon and in the New Territories, on a trial basis with a view to exploring the feasibility and benefits of providing round-the-clock library services on borrowing, returning, picking up reserved library materials, and the payment of library fees and charges through Octopus. The pilot service is expected to be launched in 2017-18. The HKPL is currently identifying locations with high pedestrian flow and convenient access to public.

Annex I to Reply Serial No. HAB209

Size of the library stock by type of public libraries from 2011 to 2015

Type of Library	Library	Type of Library Stock	Library Stock (items) as at 31 December				
			2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Central	Hong Kong Central Library	Chinese Books	1 339 638	1 357 513	1 373 567	1 351 438	1 390 092
		English Books	819 989	834 644	846 875	834 754	858 610
		Non-print Materials	359 094	367 399	376 241	383 295	391 597

Type of Library	Library	Type of Library Stock	Library Stock (items) as at 31 December					
			2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
Branch Libraries								
Major	City Hall	Chinese Books	263 697	268 605	268 804	285 974	297 259	
		English Books	183 956	185 221	180 913	188 575	196 656	
		Non-print Materials	73 811	77 964	76 677	78 164	78 225	
	Kowloon	Chinese Books	370 795	372 057	376 855	386 081	399 834	
		English Books	215 136	214 892	215 734	220 451	222 747	
		Non-print Materials	80 295	80 185	78 729	80 896	83 395	
	Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai (Note 1)	Chinese Books	-	-	244 446	325 077	342 555	
		English Books	-	-	71 868	101 660	106 335	
		Non-print Materials	-	-	47 314	53 445	59 182	
	Sha Tin	Chinese Books	251 665	280 129	287 143	296 610	308 038	
		English Books	137 995	145 909	151 052	156 423	160 797	
		Non-print Materials	57 829	58 035	58 583	59 655	58 281	
	Tsuen Wan	Chinese Books	260 781	266 928	272 736	279 797	292 910	
		English Books	134 628	134 892	137 972	142 100	145 216	
		Non-print Materials	59 992	59 410	60 431	62 163	64 682	
	Tuen Mun	Chinese Books	284 687	283 887	275 029	280 870	292 711	
		English Books	135 317	136 089	130 790	135 752	138 969	
		Non-print Materials	56 775	56 227	55 303	52 633	54 931	
	District	Aberdeen	Chinese Books	97 213	101 549	103 753	105 149	110 004
			English Books	37 359	38 985	39 263	39 942	41 060
			Non-print Materials	24 633	24 752	22 926	22 337	21 744
		Chai Wan	Chinese Books	137 692	140 977	138 885	141 383	146 418
			English Books	49 148	50 549	48 859	50 045	50 293
			Non-print Materials	34 205	34 451	34 314	34 626	34 557
Cheung Chau		Chinese Books	44 457	44 080	43 475	44 078	47 540	
		English Books	21 843	22 115	21 552	22 077	22 398	
		Non-print Materials	7 813	7 862	7 374	7 420	7 848	

Type of Library	Library	Type of Library Stock	Library Stock (items) as at 31 December				
			2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
District	Fa Yuen Street	Chinese Books	120 771	119 891	121 718	124 081	129 082
		English Books	37 793	37 249	38 740	40 712	42 982
		Non-print Materials	24 925	23 802	22 909	23 186	24 794
	Fanling	Chinese Books	172 761	170 142	158 707	173 738	181 029
		English Books	43 762	43 055	40 280	43 129	44 230
		Non-print Materials	28 156	27 413	25 768	25 850	26 711
	Lai Chi Kok	Chinese Books	117 735	105 697	103 830	108 234	115 143
		English Books	44 558	40 299	40 102	42 468	44 938
		Non-print Materials	38 774	30 889	28 885	28 999	30 875
	Lam Tin (Note 2)	Chinese Books	-	-	146 057	148 252	154 769
		English Books	-	-	39 451	41 195	43 888
		Non-print Materials	-	-	21 715	23 115	24 813
	Lockhart Road	Chinese Books	116 404	115 125	118 465	124 151	136 669
		English Books	40 330	41 020	42 175	43 382	48 393
		Non-print Materials	36 833	38 353	40 280	38 155	37 914
	Ma On Shan	Chinese Books	132 801	141 574	143 849	147 803	155 304
		English Books	45 284	45 165	46 034	48 176	49 656
		Non-print Materials	34 433	34 771	30 792	31 200	31 373
	Ngau Chi Wan	Chinese Books	105 556	105 715	105 900	105 872	110 055
		English Books	35 262	36 537	37 676	37 508	37 131
		Non-print Materials	27 482	28 461	29 264	28 467	28 552
	Ngau Tau Kok	Chinese Books	109 138	116 085	110 605	111 341	115 045
		English Books	34 242	36 742	36 931	37 982	38 970
		Non-print Materials	25 665	26 455	26 014	26 568	26 194
	North Kwai Chung	Chinese Books	119 471	117 549	116 065	118 692	122 281
		English Books	42 787	42 652	41 883	43 111	41 783
		Non-print Materials	16 103	16 134	15 920	15 916	16 327
North Point	Chinese Books	48 348	47 988	49 732	49 731	50 677	
	English Books	20 102	20 594	21 316	21 867	22 199	
	Non-print Materials	12 074	11 850	12 043	12 370	12 903	
Po On Road	Chinese Books	105 395	113 389	116 901	118 497	120 619	
	English Books	31 050	32 389	33 115	34 121	33 897	
	Non-print Materials	25 720	27 190	28 090	28 781	28 498	
Quarry Bay	Chinese Books	112 830	117 679	117 378	120 264	123 997	
	English Books	48 510	49 915	49 571	51 474	52 234	
	Non-print Materials	31 636	30 772	29 441	30 032	29 154	

Type of Library	Library	Type of Library Stock	Library Stock (items) as at 31 December				
			2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
District	Sai Kung	Chinese Books	75 491	75 876	71 349	76 036	79 827
		English Books	22 689	22 779	22 524	23 540	26 577
		Non-print Materials	18 573	17 961	17 260	17 654	18 367
	San Po Kong	Chinese Books	114 219	117 478	103 772	105 649	109 533
		English Books	33 972	34 447	33 384	34 359	34 281
		Non-print Materials	25 227	24 857	24 131	23 317	23 522
	Shek Tong Tsui	Chinese Books	104 082	104 417	101 883	107 655	115 270
		English Books	36 539	37 117	36 560	39 044	42 241
		Non-print Materials	31 033	31 301	30 882	31 868	32 207
	Sheung Shui	Chinese Books	114 493	119 065	115 671	115 828	120 188
		English Books	46 960	47 900	44 988	44 877	44 444
		Non-print Materials	27 807	27 657	26 338	25 691	25 238
	Shui Wo Street	Chinese Books	134 646	135 874	133 266	137 217	144 328
		English Books	37 598	38 890	38 726	40 375	42 821
		Non-print Materials	38 325	38 393	37 860	36 857	36 051
	South Kwai Chung	Chinese Books	118 921	121 566	121 952	118 165	123 595
		English Books	34 751	34 307	34 609	32 951	34 015
		Non-print Materials	14 677	13 116	13 132	12 867	13 002
	Tai Hing	Chinese Books	66 243	70 790	72 270	74 672	75 923
		English Books	18 574	19 915	20 227	21 538	21 573
		Non-print Materials	10 869	11 801	11 252	11 729	11 318
	Tai Po	Chinese Books	200 703	204 751	203 528	201 159	197 749
		English Books	61 336	63 074	62 602	63 888	65 788
		Non-print Materials	37 728	37 560	38 030	40 004	41 124
	Tin Shui Wai (Note 1)	Chinese Books	133 431	132 829	-	-	-
		English Books	40 856	39 693	-	-	-
		Non-print Materials	36 775	32 455	-	-	-
	Tiu Keng Leng (Note 3)	Chinese Books	-	-	-	-	140 172
		English Books	-	-	-	-	44 028
		Non-print Materials	-	-	-	-	17 468
To Kwa Wan	Chinese Books	106 141	107 144	111 603	112 879	115 360	
	English Books	33 583	34 528	36 147	36 854	37 456	
	Non-print Materials	31 485	30 970	30 958	27 687	28 203	
Tseung Kwan O	Chinese Books	161 137	173 285	170 210	170 796	167 318	
	English Books	52 054	55 160	54 145	54 602	52 768	
	Non-print Materials	29 293	31 110	30 569	28 985	28 579	

Type of Library	Library	Type of Library Stock	Library Stock (items) as at 31 December				
			2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
District	Tsing Yi	Chinese Books	132 047	130 133	130 182	127 988	133 578
		English Books	50 986	50 662	51 036	51 066	52 260
		Non-print Materials	31 011	31 093	29 974	29 403	29 686
	Tung Chung	Chinese Books	140 831	163 419	162 405	171 933	172 384
		English Books	55 639	64 413	61 620	65 988	65 970
		Non-print Materials	32 604	34 431	33 817	33 846	33 585
	Yau Ma Tei	Chinese Books	96 195	96 236	100 900	102 408	106 479
		English Books	31 250	32 386	34 242	34 942	36 565
		Non-print Materials	29 051	29 029	30 461	31 450	32 183
	Yuen Long	Chinese Books	119 132	117 761	117 961	118 975	119 618
		English Books	41 474	40 651	40 669	41 838	43 214
		Non-print Materials	22 656	21 615	21 477	20 150	19 523
Small	Ap Lei Chau	Chinese Books	54 023	53 458	54 743	54 183	54 962
		English Books	15 923	16 332	16 684	17 264	17 630
		Non-print Materials	7 576	7 755	7 086	7 029	6 418
	Butterfly Estate	Chinese Books	36 263	37 568	37 678	38 052	38 663
		English Books	10 876	11 602	12 340	12 980	13 176
		Non-print Materials	3 990	4 693	5 242	5 871	6 437
	Electric Road	Chinese Books	52 394	51 752	52 545	53 764	56 094
		English Books	17 403	17 733	17 755	18 850	19 280
		Non-print Materials	8 157	8 190	7 957	7 565	7 274
	Fu Shan	Chinese Books	43 942	44 812	44 982	44 538	47 074
		English Books	15 870	16 108	16 241	16 550	17 224
		Non-print Materials	5 883	5 971	5 604	5 673	6 009
	Hung Hom	Chinese Books	56 012	56 182	54 222	56 488	58 208
		English Books	19 760	20 519	19 730	22 118	23 804
		Non-print Materials	9 736	9 701	8 223	8 445	8 231
	Kowloon City	Chinese Books	51 412	52 943	52 347	52 427	54 010
		English Books	16 847	17 948	17 867	18 093	18 961
		Non-print Materials	7 210	7 628	7 412	7 273	7 273
	Lam Tin (Note 2)	Chinese Books	50 657	52 379	-	-	-
		English Books	10 479	11 194	-	-	-
		Non-print Materials	6 915	6 792	-	-	-
Lei Yue Mun	Chinese Books	47 185	47 212	47 216	48 981	51 521	
	English Books	17 247	17 858	17 849	18 688	19 394	
	Non-print Materials	9 179	9 372	9 515	9 575	9 979	

Type of Library	Library	Type of Library Stock	Library Stock (items) as at 31 December				
			2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Small	Lek Yuen	Chinese Books	40 140	38 735	38 446	38 385	40 380
		English Books	12 671	12 984	12 939	13 280	13 959
		Non-print Materials	5 169	4 956	4 383	4 679	5 045
	Lok Fu	Chinese Books	47 561	46 600	46 253	47 067	48 872
		English Books	16 896	17 263	16 875	16 696	17 591
		Non-print Materials	8 090	8 079	7 877	7 812	8 265
	Lung Hing	Chinese Books	36 506	37 733	36 585	36 299	36 991
		English Books	11 047	11 944	12 217	12 540	13 248
		Non-print Materials	5 748	5 487	5 343	4 972	4 900
	Mui Wo	Chinese Books	17 190	16 492	16 049	16 734	17 829
		English Books	6 831	7 220	7 347	7 885	8 333
		Non-print Materials	4 232	4 041	3 894	3 962	4 123
	North Lamma	Chinese Books	10 405	10 360	10 290	10 754	11 298
		English Books	3 795	3 975	4 236	4 476	4 412
		Non-print Materials	2 122	1 969	1 958	2 016	2 219
	Pak Tin (Note 4)	Chinese Books	32 277	34 774	33 878	-	-
		English Books	8 001	8 731	9 223	-	-
		Non-print Materials	4 871	4 895	4 525	-	-
	Peng Chau	Chinese Books	17 040	16 364	16 298	16 724	17 846
		English Books	5 779	6 217	6 283	6 544	5 768
		Non-print Materials	3 571	3 619	3 684	3 676	3 739
	Pok Fu Lam	Chinese Books	53 498	56 711	54 401	54 336	57 186
		English Books	16 008	16 808	15 978	16 458	17 616
		Non-print Materials	7 191	7 459	7 342	7 333	7 560
	Sau Mau Ping	Chinese Books	39 912	39 982	39 681	39 831	42 005
		English Books	10 692	11 116	10 843	10 824	11 062
		Non-print Materials	5 465	5 172	5 050	4 638	4 872
	Sha Tau Kok	Chinese Books	15 306	14 433	13 812	14 482	15 324
		English Books	3 442	3 754	3 943	4 279	4 508
		Non-print Materials	3 788	3 722	3 677	3 699	4 063
Shek Kip Mei (Note 4)	Chinese Books	-	-	-	72 087	67 832	
	English Books	-	-	-	21 463	21 822	
	Non-print Materials	-	-	-	8 534	8 880	
Shek Wai Kok	Chinese Books	25 842	27 819	28 062	29 568	32 232	
	English Books	8 407	9 310	9 315	9 764	10 793	
	Non-print Materials	4 895	4 991	4 788	4 617	4 956	

Type of Library	Library	Type of Library Stock	Library Stock (items) as at 31 December				
			2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Small	Shun Lee Estate	Chinese Books	52 773	53 651	51 099	51 098	50 998
		English Books	14 958	15 677	13 921	14 482	14 570
		Non-print Materials	7 733	8 297	8 355	8 603	8 925
	Siu Sai Wan	Chinese Books	40 923	43 346	42 820	45 500	47 873
		English Books	17 011	18 193	19 465	21 192	22 287
		Non-print Materials	5 834	7 157	7 352	7 691	7 939
	Smithfield	Chinese Books	50 036	50 488	50 315	52 872	55 730
		English Books	15 658	15 840	16 590	17 523	18 584
		Non-print Materials	7 900	8 057	7 961	8 398	8 731
	South Lamma	Chinese Books	6 222	6 201	6 106	6 034	6 359
		English Books	1 498	1 871	1 137	1 077	1 146
		Non-print Materials	1 873	1 924	1 717	1 629	1 732
	Stanley	Chinese Books	55 702	54 226	52 194	52 246	54 016
		English Books	17 474	17 650	17 297	18 398	19 612
		Non-print Materials	9 608	9 475	9 154	8 462	8 518
	Tai Kok Tsui	Chinese Books	49 716	50 562	50 132	49 080	50 696
		English Books	20 386	21 048	21 209	21 838	22 533
		Non-print Materials	10 518	10 933	10 574	10 484	10 601
	Tai O	Chinese Books	15 952	15 313	14 826	15 297	16 086
		English Books	5 124	5 356	5 276	5 610	5 760
		Non-print Materials	3 548	3 432	3 374	3 415	3 561
	Tin Shui Wai North	Chinese Books	49 596	48 303	48 339	47 881	48 474
		English Books	11 518	11 568	11 461	11 822	11 856
		Non-print Materials	6 686	6 738	6 522	6 281	6 177
	Tsim Sha Tsui	Chinese Books	41 879	43 359	43 727	44 726	45 638
		English Books	17 415	17 558	18 383	19 048	19 363
		Non-print Materials	7 744	7 365	7 583	7 626	7 532
	Tsz Wan Shan	Chinese Books	52 861	52 712	54 846	41 397	43 775
		English Books	14 475	14 908	15 228	13 854	14 629
		Non-print Materials	9 220	9 654	9 762	7 117	7 275
Un Chau Street	Chinese Books	40 559	40 648	40 899	41 087	44 054	
	English Books	13 342	13 449	13 558	13 875	14 819	
	Non-print Materials	9 717	9 752	9 337	9 340	9 130	
Wong Nai Chung	Chinese Books	55 723	54 249	53 789	52 579	51 405	
	English Books	19 553	19 391	19 643	19 673	19 665	
	Non-print Materials	7 515	7 422	7 508	7 264	6 843	

Type of Library	Library	Type of Library Stock	Library Stock (items) as at 31 December				
			2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Small	Yiu Tung	Chinese Books	44 625	45 242	44 461	46 597	50 051
		English Books	13 464	14 220	14 149	15 212	16 428
		Non-print Materials	7 468	7 645	7 537	7 710	7 994
Mobile Libraries							
Mobile	Mobile Library 1	Chinese Books	20 850	20 800	21 190	21 664	23 509
		English Books	4 995	5 565	5 574	5 847	6 475
		Non-print Materials	3 771	4 057	3 858	4 052	4 181
	Mobile Library 2	Chinese Books	21 387	20 518	20 349	20 096	21 126
		English Books	4 562	4 692	4 634	4 655	5 052
		Non-print Materials	2 672	2 564	2 508	2 564	2 458
	Mobile Library 3 & 10 (Note 5)	Chinese Books	52 871	52 664	53 865	55 335	56 777
		English Books	9 133	9 465	9 759	10 011	10 489
		Non-print Materials	5 744	5 707	5 824	5 883	5 957
	Mobile Library 4	Chinese Books	20 151	20 577	20 125	20 864	21 158
		English Books	5 241	5 634	5 709	6 204	6 325
		Non-print Materials	3 322	3 465	3 327	3 517	3 598
	Mobile Library 5	Chinese Books	20 020	19 133	19 064	18 914	20 202
		English Books	4 092	4 140	4 058	4 312	4 847
		Non-print Materials	2 896	2 719	2 498	2 506	2 587
	Mobile Library 6 & 9 (Note 5)	Chinese Books	60 397	61 301	62 035	63 609	64 373
		English Books	17 532	18 238	18 427	19 050	20 211
		Non-print Materials	5 722	5 930	5 951	6 125	6 022
	Mobile Library 7	Chinese Books	38 672	38 509	39 939	38 821	40 052
		English Books	9 742	10 429	10 176	10 422	11 351
		Non-print Materials	5 577	5 817	5 871	6 029	5 915
	Mobile Library 8	Chinese Books	44 382	44 901	44 386	44 757	46 849
		English Books	12 626	12 882	12 767	13 300	13 909
		Non-print Materials	4 685	4 920	5 166	5 317	5 303
	Mobile Library 11 (Note 6)	Chinese Books	-	-	-	18 476	20 007
		English Books	-	-	-	3 504	3 837
		Non-print Materials	-	-	-	2 200	2 331
	Mobile Library 12 (Note 6)	Chinese Books	-	-	-	18 448	20 270
		English Books	-	-	-	3 496	3 876
		Non-print Materials	-	-	-	2 194	2 330
	TOTAL	Chinese Books	7 692 409	7 830 195	8 022 846	8 280 551	8 711 158
		English Books	3 235 085	3 301 225	3 369 717	3 485 923	3 633 588
		Non-print Materials	1 716 903	1 723 246	1 740 453	1 760 557	1 808 489
		Total Stock	12 644 397	12 854 666	13 133 016	13 527 031	14 153 235

Note

1. Re-provisioning of Tin Shui Wai Public Library (originally a district library) to Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai Public Library (a major library). Tin Shui Wai Public Library was closed on 27 February 2013 and Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai Public Library commenced service on 28 February 2013.
2. Re-provisioning of Lam Tin Public Library from a small library to a district library. The small library was closed on 29 March 2013 and the re-provisioned district library commenced service on 30 March 2013.
3. Tiu Keng Leng Public Library commenced service on 9 July 2015.
4. Re-provisioning of Pak Tin Public Library to Shek Kip Mei Public Library. Pak Tin Public library was closed on 27 March 2014 and Shek Kip Mei Public Library commenced service on 28 March 2014.
5. Mobile Libraries 3 and 10, 6 and 9 share the same collection.
6. Mobile Libraries 11 and 12 commenced service on 7 July 2014.

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Annual attendance figures of public libraries from 2011 to 2015

District	Library	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Central & Western	City Hall	1 054 147	975 868	909 226	856 819	843 720
	Shek Tong Tsui	726 515	678 152	602 064	583 728	572 677
	Smithfield	302 659	306 548	298 111	297 583	306 265
Wanchai	Hong Kong Central Library	4 316 703	4 158 136	3 994 008	3 888 163	3 884 305
	Lockhart Road	732 148	711 887	692 830	679 877	621 554
	Wong Nai Chung	216 362	207 045	192 979	196 080	187 684
Eastern	Chai Wan	813 299	714 205	635 719	624 882	623 790
	Electric Road	350 132	332 019	308 419	295 790	257 423
	North Point	361 652	343 548	380 305	345 483	317 363
	Quarry Bay	604 821	604 735	552 759	551 537	524 212
	Siu Sai Wan (Note 1)	315 626	515 256	508 910	480 160	423 072
	Yiu Tung	257 075	238 883	213 972	214 149	204 922
Southern	Aberdeen	761 220	709 060	642 594	638 192	611 754
	Ap Lei Chau	238 625	234 104	229 657	234 026	234 963
	Pok Fu Lam	288 824	274 418	257 685	256 643	245 966
	Stanley	202 836	179 719	171 435	170 321	159 265
Sham Shui Po	Lai Chi Kok	792 340	769 819	740 331	774 997	752 912
	Po On Road	1 096 939	1 095 563	1 083 404	1 073 701	1 037 578
	Shek Kip Mei (Note 2)	225 656	211 352	187 244	298 175	312 894
	Un Chau Street	398 578	375 383	362 828	326 888	305 729
Kowloon City	Hung Hom	402 745	378 488	367 531	361 385	346 164
	Kowloon	777 228	751 118	707 682	684 264	654 628
	Kowloon City	299 239	278 969	267 427	260 711	253 309
	To Kwa Wan	699 149	651 280	624 923	609 569	568 644
Wong Tai Sin	Fu Shan	261 033	248 419	229 217	224 843	206 471
	Lok Fu	302 393	297 420	283 935	280 216	266 987
	Lung Hing	437 005	389 072	357 218	348 415	330 158
	Ngau Chi Wan	532 594	505 444	473 279	479 390	470 168
	San Po Kong	869 740	770 694	842 717	852 841	820 150
	Tsz Wan Shan	495 910	439 789	449 677	421 552	383 288
Kwun Tong	Lam Tin (Note 3)	223 712	206 469	790 247	942 012	937 622
	Lei Yue Mun	232 177	223 435	179 663	165 142	173 267
	Ngau Tau Kok	680 229	638 555	630 425	608 764	602 788
	Sau Mau Ping	219 717	207 077	191 095	184 195	174 565
	Shui Wo Street	818 386	743 788	686 993	664 863	616 386
	Shun Lee Estate	224 309	219 218	203 815	199 699	185 419

District	Library	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Yau Tsim Mong	Fa Yuen Street	757 798	720 327	678 038	647 234	613 009
	Tai Kok Tsui	432 998	389 171	371 843	403 347	432 352
	Tsim Sha Tsui	218 419	205 253	195 960	181 613	177 598
	Yau Ma Tei	911 319	878 750	782 843	727 524	643 443
Kwai Tsing	North Kwai Chung	603 071	510 064	456 845	435 979	444 132
	South Kwai Chung	809 841	807 042	792 728	738 051	695 794
	Tsing Yi	953 945	878 704	827 580	783 659	776 137
Tsuen Wan	Shek Wai Kok	134 735	137 201	135 030	144 754	131 844
	Tsuen Wan	1 571 627	1 509 195	1 443 689	1 404 659	1 357 256
Tuen Mun	Butterfly Estate	241 316	242 041	244 250	227 117	225 961
	Tai Hing	469 293	463 683	461 615	461 999	413 835
	Tuen Mun	1 518 322	1 459 941	1 342 208	1 366 882	1 380 554
Yuen Long	Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai (Note 4)	1 226 812	1 146 469	1 375 045	1 289 377	1 210 390
	Tin Shui Wai North	460 732	435 750	393 777	409 282	393 587
	Yuen Long	1 038 776	1 048 050	1 003 253	999 979	993 757
North	Fanling	946 850	864 851	735 965	713 458	696 702
	Sha Tau Kok	42 052	42 684	39 799	39 852	34 997
	Sheung Shui	811 881	881 987	1 546 472	936 063	913 134
Tai Po	Tai Po	1 420 308	1 417 789	1 287 558	1 264 352	1 195 042
Sha Tin	Lek Yuen	265 565	266 712	258 609	259 626	253 087
	Ma On Shan	1 111 042	1 056 837	1 023 957	1 004 773	978 411
	Sha Tin	1 542 511	1 508 386	1 240 868	1 380 667	1 376 101
Sai Kung	Sai Kung	487 122	446 245	415 686	412 565	358 132
	Tiu Keng Leng (Note 5)	-	-	-	-	527 078
	Tseung Kwan O	1 054 108	1 217 134	1 295 888	1 169 901	828 102
Islands	Cheung Chau	265 755	274 386	245 810	250 168	243 328
	Mui Wo	50 731	50 670	49 168	47 606	47 046
	North Lamma	7 173	6 635	7 757	7 117	6 707
	Peng Chau	43 474	41 976	39 830	39 086	39 450
	South Lamma	2 638	1 963	2 185	2 614	2 176
	Tai O	32 288	31 987	31 556	31 586	31 626
	Tung Chung	563 304	467 114	456 674	449 204	435 607
Mobile Library	Mobile Library 1	40 889	31 538	32 425	31 596	40 361
	Mobile Library 2	33 536	35 067	32 245	30 847	27 366
	Mobile Library 3	39 545	32 073	29 535	27 219	21 866
	Mobile Library 4	41 979	35 428	37 344	33 662	33 100
	Mobile Library 5	36 735	33 260	33 763	34 020	26 690
	Mobile Library 6	59 095	49 289	37 075	29 732	30 564
	Mobile Library 7	90 489	83 323	74 350	62 015	50 711
	Mobile Library 8	102 881	71 107	79 368	72 555	65 600
	Mobile Library 9	90 133	57 972	73 736	76 344	60 813

District	Library	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Mobile Library	Mobile Library 10	42 484	34 291	28 543	23 906	27 273
	Mobile Library 11 (Note 6)	-	-	-	10 400	32 991
	Mobile Library 12 (Note 6)	-	-	-	14 929	40 717
TOTAL		42 105 295	40 457 280	39 891 194	38 752 374	37 732 489

Note

1. Siu Sai Wan Public Library (small library) was opened in June 2011.
2. Shek Kip Mei Public Library (small library) replaced Pak Tin Public Library (small library) in March 2014.
3. Lam Tin Public Library (district library) replaced Lam Tin Public Library (small library) in March 2013.
4. Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai Public Library (major library) replaced Tin Shui Wai Public Library (district library) in February 2013.
5. Tiu Keng Leng Public Library (district Library) was opened in July 2015.
6. Mobile Library 11 and Mobile Library 12 were opened in July 2014.

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