

## Extension of opening hours of four public libraries on trial basis

To promote reading in the community, the Hong Kong Public Libraries of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will launch a three-month trial scheme from July 1 to October 1, extending the opening hours of the following four designated public libraries on Sundays and public holidays. Details are as follows:

	Original opening hours	Opening hours during the trial period
Hong Kong Central Library		
Sundays	10am to 9pm	10am to 9pm (remains unchanged)
Public holidays	10am to 7pm	10am to 8pm
Hong Kong Island – Smithfield Public Library (small library)		
Sundays	10am to 5pm	10am to 8pm
Public holidays	10am to 1pm	
Kowloon – Lai Chi Kok Public Library including Students' Study Room (district library)		
Sundays and public holidays	9am to 5pm	9am to 8pm
New Territories – Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai Public Library including Students' Study Room (major library)		
Sundays and public holidays	9am to 5pm	9am to 8pm

"After considering factors such as the library usage statistics, the public demand for services and the availability of supporting facilities, the above-mentioned four public libraries of different regions and types are selected for the trial scheme," an LCSD spokesperson said.

"Upon completion of the trial scheme, the LCSD will conduct a review to assess the cost-effectiveness, feasibility, operational arrangements, long-term manpower and financial implications of the new service hours," the spokesman added.

For details, please refer to the attachment or visit [www.hkpl.gov.hk](http://www.hkpl.gov.hk).