

HK Public Libraries introduces new e-resources through AR games at Book Fair (with photos)

The Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL) is taking part again in the Hong Kong Book Fair this year. Through game zones and demonstrations, members of the public can find out more about the rich e-resources of the HKPL. The Hong Kong Book Fair is being held at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre from today (July 17) to July 23 (Tuesday).

Visitors can try out augmented reality (AR) games at the HKPL's booth at stalls A12 and A14 in Hall 1C. Participants are able to step into a story world of their choice to complete a short task or take a video clip with book characters. Members of the public can learn more about e-books and e-databases of the HKPL. Readers can also try the HKPL's e-resources on-site and experience the convenient online library services.

The HKPL continuously enhances its digital collection. Designed for children aged between 4 and 11, the Kids InfoBits educational database released this month covers various topics including arts, people, sports and science. Magazines, news, pictures and educational videos suitable for children are also available in the database while the reading function is useful for junior English learners. OverDrive eBooks launched in February this year offers about 5 000 English e-books including leisure reading materials, children and young adult collections, fiction and biographies for readers to explore in the worlds of literature, technology, commerce, economics, social science and more.

The Chinese e-book collections HyRead and SUEP in the HKPL's digital collection are popular among readers. The leisure and popular reading materials offered are suitable for people of all ages.

The HKPL provides over 310 000 e-books and 77 e-databases, 28 of which can be accessed via the Internet. Members of the public can log in to their library accounts to read online or download to computers and mobile devices for e-reading anywhere and anytime. Hong Kong residents who have never applied for library cards or HKPL e-accounts can visit the HKPL's website to apply for e-accounts and enjoy immediate access to the diversified e-resources.

Please visit the HKPL's booth at the fair or visit www.hkpl.gov.hk/en/e-resources/index.html to know more about the e-resources.

