

Hong Kong Reading Week Fun Day to be held this weekend

The Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will hold the Hong Kong Reading Week Fun Day this weekend (April 27 and 28) with diverse activities at selected public libraries across Hong Kong to encourage the public to enjoy the pleasure of reading.

The fascinating activities of the fun day to be held at the Exhibition Gallery of the Hong Kong Central Library (HKCL) on April 27 include a storytelling theatre based on the Chinese traditional folklore story "The Ten Brothers", a comedic performance featuring Chinese acrobatics, balloon twisting and a photography booth. The public libraries in Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao earlier organised the 4.23 World Book Day Creative Competition with the same theme of "Reading Love (Love Reading)". The HKPL will hold a prize presentation ceremony on April 27 at the HKCL to commend the participants from Hong Kong who excelled in the competition. The winning works of the three places will be on display at the Exhibition Gallery from the same date until May 1, followed by a roving exhibition at various public libraries.

In support of the establishment of the Chinese Culture Promotion Office earlier this month, the HKPL is putting the focus of reading on books related to Chinese history, stories of celebrities and venerable traditions to promote Chinese culture. Selected public libraries will be adorned with decorations featuring rich Chinese cultural elements, and will set up thematic book displays on April 27 and 28. An array of activities with the theme of Chinese culture will also be held at libraries in different districts, including parent-child storytelling workshops, related workshops and booths of traditional handicrafts such as paper cutting, flour-doll making, movable type printing, rainbow calligraphy, as well as Chinese costume experience zones, where members of the public will be able to try on traditional Chinese costumes and take photos. For details of the activities, please visit: hkrw.readingpromotion.gov.hk/category/HKRW_Fun_Day.

The Pop-up Library@Hong Kong Reading Week 2024 under the theme of Chinese culture will be held at YM2 Yue Man Square (YM2) in Kwun Tong on April 28. A specially designed truck, Library-on-Wheels, will be stationed outside YM2 during the event to provide a book-lending service and chances to experience the HKPL's electronic resources. A thematic reading zone, a book display on Chinese culture and an interactive storytelling device will be set up inside YM2. Fun-filled activities such as Chinese historical figures' cosplay, a Chinese music performance, storytelling by story ambassadors, workshops on Chinese Rainbow Calligraphy and handmade incense sticks, etc will also be held. This event is under the Chinese Culture Promotion Series of the LCSD. The LCSD has long been promoting Chinese history and culture through organising an array of programmes and activities to enable the public

learn more about the broad and profound Chinese culture. For more information, please visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/ccpo/index.html.

For more information about Hong Kong Reading Week, please visit the thematic website (www.hkpl.gov.hk/hkrw).