

Summer Library Festival 2024 broadens reading horizons through appreciation of architecture (with photos)

â€‹ The Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will launch the Summer Library Festival 2024, with the theme "Walking into Architecture" in July and August. Through a range of diverse on-site and online activities such as workshops, storytelling theatres, reading clubs, subject talks and book displays, members of the public of different ages are encouraged to broaden their reading horizons and deepen their understanding of the architecture of the country.

â€‹ In addition to book displays related to architecture in public libraries in various districts, a series of parent-child workshops on the architecture of the Mainland and Hong Kong will take place at public libraries in the 18 districts, where parents and children will know more about the architecture of the Mainland and Hong Kong through creating mini fotomo models and mini neon signs together, or through making creative handicrafts of buildings with Chinese characteristics. Teenagers and adults can participate in workshops designated for them, namely the Coffee Shanshui Art Workshop and the Paper Art Workshop, in which participants will draw small-size landscape paintings with materials such as coffee and dry pastels, or make paper crafts showing the unique cityscapes on the Mainland and in Hong Kong.

â€‹ Public libraries in various districts will organise storytelling theatres and parent-child musical sessions, where fascinating stories will be illustrated in different ways to cultivate children's interest in reading. Children will learn about buildings with special characteristics on the Mainland and in Hong Kong, and experience the joy of appreciating stories at the storytelling theatres, which will be conducted in Cantonese, Putonghua or English. They will also make story-related handicrafts. The musical "Writing Hero" will be performed by the Theatre Wonderland in Cantonese at the parent-child musical sessions to bring children joyfully into the world of writing and reading.

â€‹ Furthermore, children can participate in online live workshops to learn about techniques on Western painting, watercolour painting and ink painting under the theme of ancient Chinese architecture. The HKPL will also organise online reading clubs and storytelling sessions featuring elements of Mainland and Hong Kong architecture. Videos about drawing techniques and handicrafts will be uploaded onto the HKPL YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/user/hkplgovhkchannel) and the LCSD Edutainment Channel (www.lcsd.gov.hk/edutainment/en) in phases.

â€‹ Public libraries in Kwun Tong District, Sham Shui Po District and Wong Tai Sin District will organise activities with different topics in summer to encourage members of the public to learn more about and make

effective use of the library resources in the districts. These activities include sessions of balloon twisting and magic performance; storytelling sessions guiding children to learn more about the history of Hong Kong's return to the motherland; handicraft workshops on Hong Kong's intangible cultural heritage; and parent-child workshops on the cultural meaning of the Olympic Games.

â€‹ All activities are free of charge. Seat reservations or admission tickets are required for some of the programmes. Details of the Summer Library Festival 2024 can be found on www.hkpl.gov.hk/slf2024-en. Members of the public can also visit the "Reading is Joyful" Facebook page (www.facebook.com/readingisjoyful) and Instagram page (www.instagram.com/readingisjoyful) for more information on different events of the HKPL.

â€‹ Some of the Summer Library Festival 2024 programmes are under the Chinese Culture Promotion Series. The LCSD has long been promoting Chinese history and culture through organising an array of programmes and activities to enable the public to learn more about the broad and profound Chinese culture. For more information, please visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/ccpo/index.html.



