Survey on the Reading Habits of Students in Hong Kong Results Analysis



## Objectives

- In order to understand the reading habits and preferences of Hong Kong students, a simple survey was conducted during the voting period of the $20^{\text {th }}$ Top Ten Book Picks (the $20^{\text {th }}$ TTBP). Students shared their reading habits by filling in a questionnaire on our online platform.
- We hope teacher-librarians may combine the results of the $20^{\text {th }}$ TTBP with the insights from this survey before implementing strategies of promoting reading at schools.


## Survey Methods

- Target Population:
-Only available to primary and secondary students who participated in the online voting of the $20^{\text {th }}$ TTBP
- Questionnaire Format:
- Nine multiple-choice questions (compulsory) and one open-ended question (optional)
- How to join:
- During the voting period, students could log in to the voting website of the $20^{\text {th }}$ TTBP with their EdCity accounts. After voting for their favourite books and authors, they could complete the online reading survey



## Sampling

- Number of participating students
-20,051 (12,663 primary students $+7,388$ secondary students )
- Number of participating schools
$\square 247$ (157 primary schools+ 90 secondary schools)
- Survey Period
$\square$ Between 3 Apr 2023 and 31 May 2023, which is the voting period of the $20^{\text {th }}$ TTBP

Reading Patterns of Students with a Reading Habit*

Compared with secondary students, primary students read more frequently

Primary students read more often in general


How often do students read during a week?
*Definitions:

- 'Students with a reading habit' refers to those who read at least once a week
- 'Students without a reading habit' refers to those do not read extracurricular books in a week

Reading time of primary students is longer than
that of secondary students


## Secondary students

 usually read when they take breaks at school


When and where do students usually tend to read?


When students read at school, they tend to make use of fragmented time, leading to shorter reading time


Relations between reading conditions and reading time (Pri) Relations between reading conditions and reading time (Sec)

Students' Motivation of Reading


Primary students： preferences centred
around
$\checkmark$ Comics \＆Picture books
$\checkmark$ Science Fiction
Secondary students：
preferences are diversified
$\checkmark$ Science Fiction
$\checkmark$ Comics \＆Picture books
$\checkmark$ Literature \＆Fiction


## Favourite Genres of Students



In Which Media Do Students Usually Read？
e－Reading becomes more common as students grow older


## The Ideal Reading Style of Students

## －Enjoy Reading

> The most important thing is to find the books that I'm really interested in. As long as I love them, I won't be in agony when reading. The joy of reading can even drive me to reading more.

Reading is like a treasure－house，in which I can always get the books I＇d love to read．


## The Ideal Reading Style of Students

－Only when students＇academic stress is relieved can they have enough time to read

> The school could organise a whole-school reading week in which students must read and don't have to do any homework. Then everyone could form a reading habit.

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I hope my school can promote reading during lessons.
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## The Ideal Reading Style of Students

－Boost students＇motivation to read by means of rewards and competitions

Move the library to the playground，so that I can read at recess time

> hope more authors could be invited to schools for book sharing.

Organise a＇Reading Battle＇．Students who read most could receive certificates and presents．

Let＇s move the top 100 books to the playground so that everyone could read them！

Schools may motivate students to read by offering rewards which could encourage us to read more．

The Ideal Reading Style of Students

- Joyful Reading

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I hope I can have more freedom of
choosing the reading time.
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> Students hate being forced to read. We want to read willingly instead of being stressed by the school.

The reading performance of P4 pupils in Hong Kong is positively related to: 'do not consider reading as boring' and 'enjoy reading

Although students can learn extracurricular knowledge through reading, forcing them to read can only lead to negative effects.

The Ideal Reading Style of Students

- Diversified Reading

Purchase more eBooks at schools.
Students only have access to free reading platforms in the classroom, where the types of books are less than those in public libraries.

Schools may introduce a wider variety of books, allowing students who have different interests to enjoy reading.

Schools should promote reading by introducing more books with interesting content instead of boring books.

- Incentives to encourage reading

Implement a reading reward scheme. Students can get stamps after finishing reading reports, and then redeem gifts when they collect a certain number of stamps.

