

擴闊兒童閱讀空間

Extending children's reading scope

圖書是滋養孩子心靈的泉源，但並非每個家庭都能負擔讓孩子購買圖書。今年六月份，安徒生會向二百六十六名基層家庭會員發出調查問卷，結果發現近半基層兒童缺乏閱讀機會；有見及此，安徒生會特意舉辦「故事隨意門」計劃，讓一百名小朋友於七月十六日來到銅鑼灣誠品書店聽故事，並每人獲贈二百元作購買圖書之用。



Story books nurture the souls of children with unlimited inspirations, yet not all families can afford to purchase story books for their children. In June this year, Hans Andersen Club issued a public survey to 266 grass-root members and found that nearly half of the interviewed children are denied the opportunities to read. In sight of this, the organization started the "Book Carousel Project", inviting 100 children to the storytelling sessions at Eslite book store in Causeway Bay on the 16th of July, and each of them were given \$200 for buying books of their choice!

安徒生會創於一九六三年，一向致力為基層家庭提供親子閱讀及故事資源，鼓勵孩子勇敢造夢，實踐理想。是次「故事隨意門」計劃的調查指出，近半基層家長從不陪同子女閱讀故事書，在過去一年亦未提供購買故事書的金錢予子女；同時，近半基層兒童亦表示只可在學校圖書館閱讀故事書，並從來不會帶同故事書到戶外閱讀。

為了讓孩子共享閱讀的快樂，活動獲得清水灣鄉村俱樂部及攜手扶弱基金的贊助，以及誠品書店全力支持，共安排一百名來自黃大仙及大澳的基層兒童親臨銅鑼灣誠品書店，聆聽安徒生會資深故事人饒賣姐姐精采演繹日本兒童繪本《超神奇糖果舖》及講解繪本特色和選書要訣。隨後，參加的小朋友跟從職員參觀書店三層的佈局及設計心思，並每人選出兩本心愛的圖書帶回家。看見喜愛閱讀的小朋友在逛書店時展現的快樂模樣，《黃巴士Light》記者實在倍感寬慰。各小會員還在八月十三日進行了閱讀分享會，向其他小朋友推介自己的圖書呢！

Hans Andersen Club (HAC) was founded in 1963, with the aim of providing harmonious parent-child reading and storytelling resources to grass-root and underprivileged families, encouraging them to dream and achieve. Its recent survey of the "Book Carousel Project" reveals that nearly half of the grass-root parents have never read books with their children or provided funds for them to buy books in the past year. Moreover, nearly half of the grass-root children stated that they only read storybooks in the school library and never take out books to read outdoors.

The project was supported by Clearwater Bay Golf & Country Club, Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged and Eslite book store, as to extend the reading scope of these children. 100 children living in Wong Tai Sin and Tai O were invited to the Eslite book store in Causeway Bay to listen to the story of "The Magical Candy Shop", a Japanese children's picture book, presented by a storyteller of HAC Ms Siu-Mai. She also advised the children on how to select good picture books, which helped them to select their favourite books after they had been introduced to the three levels of Eslite by the store keepers. "Yellow Bus Light" reporters felt particularly delighted to see these happy little faces as they browsed through the bookshelves one by one. On the 13th of August, the children also attended a book-sharing session to promote their books to other kids so that they could all have a chance to enjoy the stories too!