



# Bring Me A Book™ Hong Kong 2018-2020 Biennial Report

(May 1, 2018 – Apr 30, 2020)

The leading advocate of family literacy in Hong Kong

# LETTER FROM BOARD CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Bring Me A Book Community,

We cannot thank each of you enough for being a part of the Bring Me A Book mission. Your contribution and investment in Bring Me A Book makes all the difference, whether you are a teacher, parent, education advocate, volunteer, business leader or philanthropist.

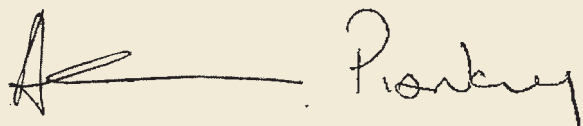
The opportunity to read calming and fun books together has provided a huge respite for so many families by helping to reduce anxiety and forge a closer bond, particularly during times of increased stress and uncertainty. A 2009 study at the University of Sussex found that reading for as little as six minutes a day can reduce heart rate and stress levels by more than 60%.

A special thank you to Bank of America and to all our donors who were willing to be flexible with their funding requirements and allow us to innovatively provide support to our beneficiaries that was practical and immediate, including:

- Creation of a curated "Covid-19 Online Resource Toolbox" for parents and caregivers; free to download from our website with over 80,000 downloads in March alone
- Launch of our celebrity, author, and mystery reader online storytelling series on social media in February 2020, with over 35,000 viewers to date
- Distribution of hundreds of book packs to needy families through collaboration with our beneficiary partners

With such an uncertain future ahead, your support - as volunteers and donors – is more critical than ever to ensure we can continue our momentum and deepen our impact to spread the love of reading in Hong Kong.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alison Chan and Pia Wong', with a long horizontal line extending from the first name.

**Alison Chan and Pia Wong**

Chairperson and Executive Director

Bring Me A Book Hong Kong



## OUR VISION AND MISSION

Bring Me A Book Hong Kong (BMABHK), a registered non-profit organization, was set up in Hong Kong in 2006, seeded by the Chen Yet-Sen Family Foundation. We envision a Hong Kong in which every child is read to, strengthening family and community bonds, and creating a love of learning.

Our Mission: BMABHK use evidence-based research to provide:

- Transformational trainings for parents and educators
- The best Chinese and English children's books
- Quality programs to access authors and literacy experts

To enrich the lives of ALL in the Hong Kong community.

We reach out to underserved children and families in Hong Kong by providing Book Bag Libraries, Bookcases, access to authors, and training programs as public resources in nurseries, kindergartens, schools, community centres, shelters, health clinics and in the workplace.



## FOUNDERS



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## OUR BOARD 2018-2020



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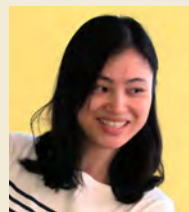


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## OUR TRAINERS



Angie Lin



Julie Fowlkes



Pauline Young



Percie Wong



Yoyo Yau



## OUR VOLUNTEERS

We are extremely grateful to the 2,570 volunteers who have been instrumental in helping BMABHK scale our programs to deepen our impact in the community. From skilled volunteers - including legal advisors, copywriters, book wrappers, translators, storytellers, librarians and administrators - to our young BMAB Ambassadors, we could not have done it without your support!

Special thanks to 400+ volunteers from Bank of America who have participated in 30 reading sessions for 1700 beneficiary children in two years! We would also like to extend our deep appreciation to all the volunteers from other corporate partners including Accenture, Barclays, BlackRock, Carter's Global Sourcing Limited, Credit Suisse (Hong Kong) Ltd, Des Voeux Services Limited, Electronic Theatre Controls Asia Limited, Elephant Community Press Ltd., HK Ladies Tennis League, Hong Kong Academy, Hotels.com, Hyatt International - Asia Pacific Limited, Macquarie Group Foundation, Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group, MetLife Foundation, Mitsubishi UFJ Securities (HK) Holdings Limited (MUFG), Morgan Stanley, National Australia Bank Limited, PAG Consulting Limited, Schroders, Stephenson Harwood, Target, and Wells Fargo Bank National Association.

Thank You for Making a Difference.

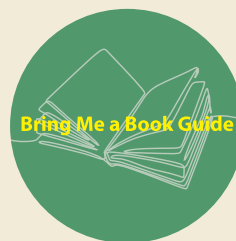


## OVERVIEW

Since the formation of BMABHK in 2006, we have invested more than \$52 million into our programs to help over 180,000 underprivileged children by creating 460 libraries, hosting 134 author visits and delivering 1,700 training sessions.

From 2018-2020, we supported 20,000+ children from low-income families and trained more than 4,000 parents, teachers and social workers. We are also fortunate that our new recommended booklists, in English and Chinese, were released in 2019 and early 2020 - before school closures, so that our free resources could be shared widely with local families looking for good books to read at home.

BMABHK has six pillars to promote reading:



Bring Me a Book Foundation in the US and Hong Kong were thrilled to be recognized for our work by the Library of Congress in 2019.



# ACHIEVEMENTS

## BRING ME A BOOK

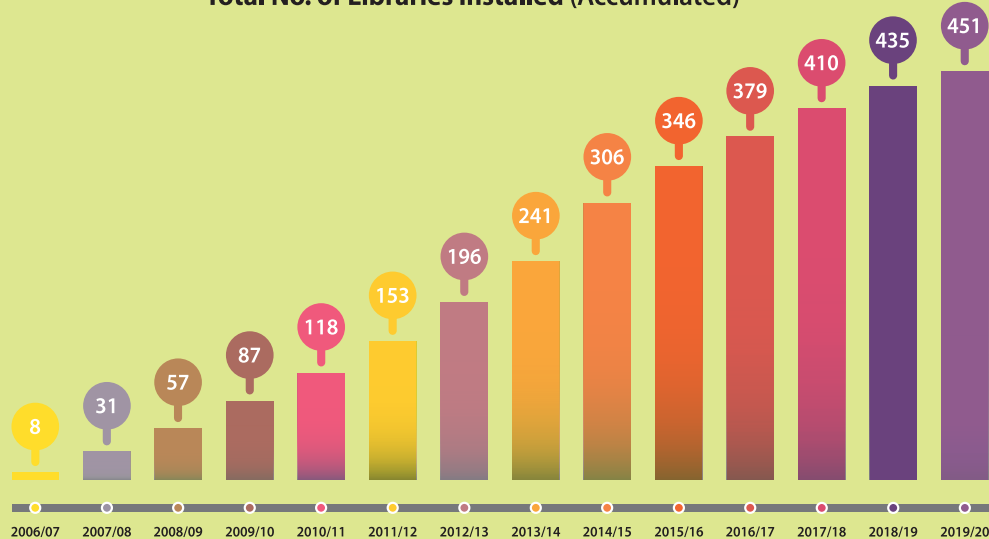
### THE LIBRARY PROGRAM

The Book Bag Library Program is a lending library of quality hardcover children's English and Chinese language books in easily transportable book bags. Each library contains a total of 220 books for children from infancy to age eleven, in 65 book bags.

The flagship within our Library program is the Bookcase, each of which holds 45 quality, age-appropriate English and Chinese language picture books for children in a beautiful wood display shelf.

From 2018-2020, we installed a total of 7 Book Bag Libraries and 34 Bookcases in the community.

Total No. of Libraries installed (Accumulated)



# 451 Libraries Installed, 180,000 Children Served



## Number of Libraries

HK Island	69
East Kowloon	74
West Kowloon	77
East New Territories	95
West New Territories	126
Islands and others	10



## List of Book Bag Library Recipients in 2018-2020

### Program Year 2018-2019 (May 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019)

#### Number of Library Installations

5 Book Bag Libraries

#### List of Recipients

- HKTA The Yuen Yuen Institute Chan Lui Chung Tak Memorial School
- International Social Service Hong Kong Branch Shamshuipo (South) IFSC
- Ng Wah Catholic Primary School
- Tai Po Methodist School
- Tsz Wan Shan St. Bonaventure Catholic Primary School

### Program Year 2019-2020 (May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020)

#### Number of Library Installations

2 Book Bag Libraries

#### List of Recipients

- SKH St. Thomas' Primary School
- Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Jockey Club Tin Shui Wai Integrated Services Centre



## List of Bookcases Recipients in 2018-2020

### Program Year 2018-2019 (May 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019)

#### Number of Library Installations

20 Bookcases

#### List of Recipients

- Academy Kindergarten (Tin Shui Wai)
- Assembly Of God Shek Kip Mei Church Limited, Assembly Of God Mcleod Memorial Kindergarten
- Caritas Jockey Club Integrated Service for Young People (Cheung Chau)
- Caritas Lok Miu Early Education & Training Centre
- Ching Chung Wu King Kindergarten
- Cumberland Presbyterian Church Yao Dao Primary School
- The Endeavourers Chan Cheng Kit Wan Kindergarten
- The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong Gloria Lutheran Church
- Father Cucchiara Memorial School
- Hong Kong & Kowloon Kaifong Women's Association Sun Fong Chung Kindergarten
- Hong Kong 5-5 Kindergarten & International Child Care Centre
- The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council Child Enlightenment Centre
- Po Leung Kuk Mrs Tam Wah Ching Kindergarten
- Po Leung Kuk Wong Siu Ching Kindergarten-Cum-Nursery
- Sau Mau Ping Catholic Primary School
- Social Welfare Department Tin Shui Wai Integrated Family Service Centre
- Tai Po Baptist Church Social Service Centre for Children with Special Educational Needs
- Western Pacific Kindergarten
- Yan Oi Tong Lau Wong Fat Kindergarten Cum Nursery
- Yan Oi Tong Ng Wong Fung Ying Kindergarten Cum Nursery



### Program Year 2019-2020 (May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020)

#### Number of Library Installations

14 Bookcases

#### List of Recipients

- Chai Wan Baptist Church Pre-School Education Lui Ming Choi Kindergarten
- Chinese Christian Workers' Fellowship Limited Choi Po Kindergarten
- The Church of Christ in China Kei Chun Kindergarten
- Guideposts Kindergarten 3rd Branch (Tin Shui Estate)
- Heep Hong Society Shanghai Fraternity Association Healthy Kids Kindergarten
- Islamic Dharwood Pau Memorial Primary School
- Kwong Lam Baptist Lui Kwok Pat Fong Kindergarten
- Lam Tin Ling Liang Kindergarten
- The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council Chan Yin Chuen Child Enrichment Centre
- The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council Child Advancement Centre
- P. C. Lee OneSky Global Centre for Early Childhood Development
- Sam Shui Natives Association Huen King Wing School
- SKH St. Clement's Primary School
- Vitality Place, The Society of Rehabilitation and Crime Prevention, Hong Kong



# BRING ME A TRAINING

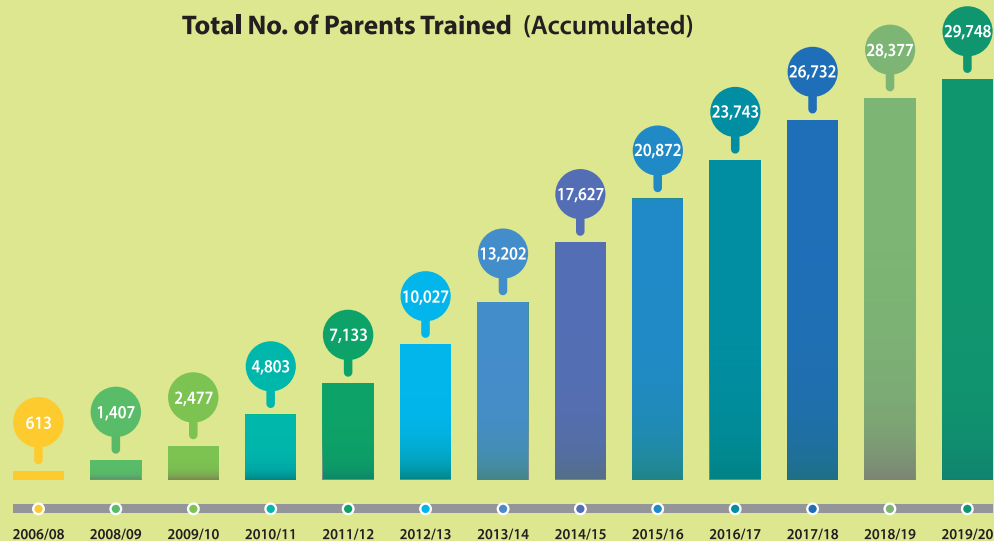
## THE FIRST TEACHERS™ TRAINING PROGRAM

BMABHK's award-winning First Teachers™ Training Program enhances our library program by educating parents, social workers and teachers on the critical importance of reading aloud to children. This practical training program teaches easy read-aloud strategies to instill a love of reading at home or in the classroom. The curriculum is interactive and uses "modelling the message" techniques to empower and educate parents with young children to become their child's first (and best) teacher.

In the past two years, BMABHK's experienced trainers have conducted 198 trainings for almost 3,000 parents, with 40 trainings were supported by Bank of America. The evaluations collected clearly demonstrated the effectiveness of our trainings. 95% of parents indicated that they knew how to cultivate their children's interest in reading versus 33% before the training. 97% of the parents said they would spend more time reading at home with their children and they would apply what they had learned in the training in their daily lives.

In addition to our local trainers, we invited US based strategic literacy expert Julie Fowlkes to Hong Kong to empower parents and teachers to use other storytelling techniques to help deepen children's reading comprehension, communication and critical thinking skills.

**Total No. of Parents Trained (Accumulated)**





# 97%

of parents indicated that they would spend more time or increase the frequency of reading aloud to their children after attending our trainings.



## Summary of Parent Surveys

### Comparison between parents' feedback before and after our trainings:

	Before	After	Increase of
I know the read-aloud skills	34%	84%	↑ 50%
I am confident to read with my children	61%	89%	↑ 28%
I know how to overcome the challenges of reading aloud	32%	80%	↑ 48%
I know how to nurture my children to love reading	33%	95%	↑ 62%
I know how to select books for my children	44%	84%	↑ 40%

### Feedback from parents after our trainings:

	After
I will spend more time to read with my children	97%
I will apply what I learned from the training to my daily life	97%
I will share the read-aloud importance to my friends	96%

### Three months after our trainings:



**94%** of trained parents said reading with their children improved their parent-child relationship



**93%** of trained parents said reading with their children increased their children's interest in reading



**64%** of trained parents read with their children three times or more per week



**73%** of trained parents spent at least 10 minutes to read with their children every time



**43%** of trained parents visited the public library three times or more per month

**Total no. of surveys collected from parents in 2018-20:** Pre-training: 2203 / Post-training: 1944 / 3 months after training: 991



# BRING ME AN AUTHOR

## IN-SCHOOL AUTHOR PROGRAM

We believe that meeting an author, illustrator, literacy expert or storyteller in real life and hearing them convey their passion for their work can fundamentally alter a child's relationship to books and ignite a life-long love of reading. By bringing their stories to life, author visits often motivate previously reluctant readers to pick up a book while also inspiring educators to think about how to teach reading more creatively.

With special grants in the past two years from Bank of America, we have been able to reach hundreds of schools and serve 13,000 children through visits from the following award-winning authors and illustrators:

- David Schwartz: Picture Book Author
- Eric Litwin: Picture Book Author
- Huang Li (黃麗): Feng Zikai Chinese Children's Picture Book Award Winning Illustrator
- Jarvis: Picture Book Author and Illustrator
- Lauren Child: Picture Book Author and Illustrator
- Liu Hsu Kung (劉旭恭): Feng Zikai Chinese Children's Picture Book Award Winning Author and Illustrator
- Matthew Gollub: Picture Book Author
- Petr Horacek: Picture Book Author & Illustrator
- Cheung Wan Shan (張韻珊): Picture Book Author and Illustrator

### Feedback from students after the meet-the-author activities:

	Strongly Agreed/ Agreed
The talk was interesting and I enjoyed very much	83%
I would like to read more books after meeting the author	71%
I would try to create book myself after meeting the author	64%
I would like to attend more meet-the-author activities in the future	76%

**Total no. of surveys collected from students from Jan 2018 – Dec 2019: 7,903**



# BRING ME A BOOK GUIDE

## BEST BOOKS FOR CHILDREN IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH

Thoughtfully selected and regularly updated, our Chinese and English books guides are our most popular resource on our website with more than 250,000 downloads from [www.bringmeabook.org.hk](http://www.bringmeabook.org.hk). "Good to Read", another BMABHK resource for teachers on how to use storybooks in their classrooms, was distributed to 20,000 local primary schools in 2019. This practical study guide, co-written by our Executive Director Pia Wong and news columnist Catherine Chan, was published by The Standard Newspaper.

We are developing a user-friendly microsite to house our existing Chinese and English book guides, which will include search functionality and a more comprehensive list of filters to help parents and educators easily find books from our recommended list anytime and anywhere. The new BMABHK book guide microsite will be launched in early 2021 with new titles recommended by our book selection committee members, and book lists will be added to on a regular basis.



# THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

## STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Education Bureau – Joyful Reading Carnival 2019

BMABHK was honoured as one of the supporting organizations at the Joyful Reading Carnival organized by the Education Bureau on Mar 2, 2019. The Carnival synergized the efforts from relevant and professional organizations in designing a variety of reading-related activities with the aim to encourage parent-child reading and create a reading atmosphere. In addition to running a literacy-themed game booth, we also invited renowned author and storyteller Matthew Gollub to give a lively storytelling and musical performance to over 200 families at the carnival.



### Hong Kong Public Libraries – Library Festival 2019

In 2019, BMABHK partnered with the Hong Kong Public Libraries for their inaugural Hong Kong Library Festival and provided free talks and workshops for families and teachers. We invited award-winning authors Lauren Child and Petr Horacek to conduct meet-the-author talks for over 300 children and parents at the Hong Kong Central Library. Julie Fowlkes, our US based lead trainer, also conducted a series of workshops for over 200 parents and teachers to equip them with more practical read-aloud skills.



## STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Hong Kong Education City – Professional Development

BMABHK started our partnership with the Hong Kong Education City (HKEdCity) in 2019 to provide professional development talks for primary and secondary teachers and librarians with an aim to empower them to engage and motivate students in reading more effectively.

In 2019-2020, we organized three professional development talks with the topics included “Extensive Reading and Deeper Reading in Parallel: Strategies and Practices”, “Initiating Imagination and Interactions through Conversational Reading” and “Strategies and Practices: Stimulating Creativity through Extensive and Deeper Reading” for over 500 teachers and librarians.



### Consulate General of Sweden Hong Kong: Swedish Winter 2019

BMABHK was thrilled to be selected as the charity partner for the Swedish Winter 2019. We participated in their Christmas family event at the Cultural Centre Piazza in Tsim Sha Tsui in December 2019 by providing volunteer support and storytelling sessions at the reading corner. All the money raised was used to support a library that serves low-income families in Hong Kong.





## STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



### Feng Zikai Chinese Children's Picture Book Award



Bring Me a Book Hong Kong works in close collaboration with our sister organization, Feng Zikai Chinese Children's Picture Book Award (FZK Award), to encourage the publication of original and high-quality Chinese children's picture books.

The FZK Award is highly regarded by children's book publishers and authors, librarians, teachers, and parents. It is also celebrated by the international community as professionally run; providing a solid platform to bring encouragement, inspiration and opportunities to writers and illustrators to create and share their quality work widely.

### The Sixth Feng Zikai Chinese Children's Picture Book Award Ceremony and the Seventh Chinese Picture Book Forum

The Sixth Feng Zikai Chinese Children's Picture Book Award Ceremony and the Seventh Chinese Picture Book Forum was held from 25th to 27th October, 2019 in Fengxian, Shanghai. Both events

were supported by the Shanghai Press and Publication Bureau and the Shanghai Fengxian District Government.

At the FZK Award ceremony, five winning books were selected from an impressive 361 eligible entries of original Chinese children's picture books published between 2017 and 2018. Since the establishment of the FZK Award in 2008, 37 distinctive picture books from Mainland China, Hong Kong and Taiwan have been honoured.

In 2018, the FZK Award Committee set out to scale their outreach by encouraging more young readers to enjoy Chinese children's picture books and having more authors and publishers create high quality content. Strategic partnerships included:

- Within 100 primary schools, 20 reading clubs, 10 public libraries, and 1 art museum and across China, the FZK Award were able to organize many fun and interactive reading activities and illustration exhibitions for children to enjoy.
- Exhibition at the China Shanghai International Children's Book Fair from November 9th -11th, 2018. This was the first time the FZK Award participated in the most important trading platform for Chinese children's picture books in Asia. A huge-scale, three-day book fair, attended by 30,000 people and 300 exhibitors. This provided exposure for FZK Award-winning books to local readers as well as to overseas publishers, through education seminars and sharing sessions with the authors.





## EARLY CHILDHOOD

### HOSPITAL PROJECT

Evidence shows that children who are read to, especially before school entry, not only experience stronger parent-child relationships but also demonstrate greater brain activity and development (as shown through MRI scans) and valuable language and literacy skills. This is why BMABHK works through hospitals, health clinics and new parents to ensure that our Hong Kong children experience family reading from birth, allowing them to have the best start in life.

BMABHK has been partnering with the Community & Patient Resource Department at the Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital since 2017. In the past two years, we have provided antenatal talks and free books for 730 expectant parents to encourage them to practice a daily reading routine from birth.

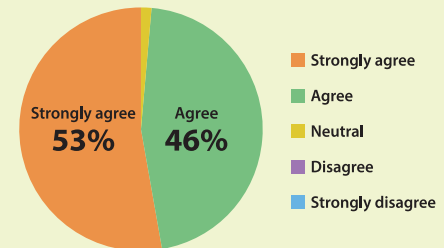
To broaden our network of young, new parents, we collaborated with the Department of Health (Family Health Service) and conducted a large-scale parent-child reading talk for 200 new parents in 2019 with very positive feedback. We will continue our collaboration with the Department of Health in 2020 to conduct more trainings and talks for the new parents.



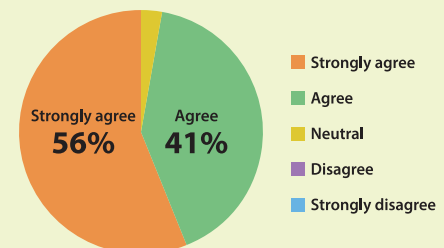
#### Evaluation Summary

(no. of forms collected after antenatal talks: 366)

I have a better understanding on  
parent-child reading



I am motivated and will spend more  
time reading with my child



## STORY SHARING



**Zoe**, Participant of First Teachers Training

### Evangelical Lutheran Church Login Club for New Arrivals

Since joining BMABHK's First Teachers Training in 2019, Zoe has, on a weekly basis, borrowed and read picture books from the Bring Me A Book "Book Bag Library" at the Evangelical Lutheran Church Login Club for New Arrivals (donated by The Arthur Samy Memorial Fund):

"Although there are some picture books available to borrow from my daughter's school library, the collection is not as suitable, complete or as user-friendly as the book bag library. Every week, I read three to five picture books together with my daughter. Parent-child reading allows us to communicate more and has improved our relationship. I am pleasantly surprised to see changes in my daughter's concentration habits - she is less distracted by devices and we have more opportunities to spend quality time together through reading books. I think parent-child reading makes my daughter happier, reduces the stress in her studies, and allows her to acquire new vocabulary.

I would like to say a big 'Thank you' to Bring Me A Book Hong Kong and Miss Chan for organizing the First Teachers Training, which explained the importance of reading aloud and provided practical demonstrations on how to improve our storytelling skills. I used to only read out the text, word by word, but having completed the training, I have learnt how to present the contents of a book in a lively manner.

I hope that, through reading, my daughter will improve her logical thinking and become more curious and empathetic.

Recently (during the pandemic), my daughter had to attend classes via Zoom. This was very challenging because my daughter found it difficult to grasp the contents of the compressed online classes. I also faced increased pressure in urging my daughter to devote more time to her studies. Fortunately, the book bag library near my home was open, while the school and public libraries were closed, so we could continue to read quality books together. I have, and will continue to recommend this wonderful community resource to my parent friends."

Angelina, Zoe's 8-year-old daughter, said, "I love the picture books in the book bag library, and now my mom tells me stories in a far more interesting way than she did before. From the picture books, I have learnt the importance of sharing and being modest."

## STORY SHARING



**Amy Chan,** Social Worker

**Evangelical Lutheran Church Login Club for New Arrivals**

Ms Chan completed the “First Teachers Training – Train the Trainers Program” in 2018 and has hosted First Teachers Trainings in Kwai Chung, Tsing Yi and Tsuen Wan districts for grassroot parents and parents of children with special educational needs, with the objective of training parents on read-aloud skills.

Ms Chan smiled as she said, “As I don’t have children, I always thought it would be easy to read aloud to children and as a social worker, I have to pay close attention to each child’s individual mental condition and needs. After completing the ‘Train the Trainers’ program, I realize that reading aloud to children effectively and thoughtfully, involves a number of steps. Moreover, I discovered that picture books are an excellent way for social workers to enter the child’s “inner world”.

“I have conducted First Teacher Training sessions for parents in three districts in Hong Kong for grassroot families and I can immediately notice the changes in the parents’ attitudes towards reading with their kids. Some parents previously used ‘electronic pacifiers’ to help them take care of their children more easily. However, once they discover the huge benefits of parent-child reading and are equipped with the skills to overcome challenges they face regarding their child’s reading habits, they no longer rely on these digital devices to keep their child distracted. Many parents have told me that their children keep asking them to read more stories!”

I would like to thank Bring Me A Book Hong Kong and The Arthur Samy Memorial Fund for donating the Book Bag Library and providing training resources for The First Teachers Training Program.”

## STORY SHARING



**Ms Kwan,** Teacher

**Tsz Wan Shan St Bonaventure Catholic Primary School**

In 2019, thanks to the assistance of Bring Me A Book Hong Kong (BMABHK), Bank of America generously donated a Book Bag Library to our school. I remember the library opening ceremony vividly as it took place on the same day as our “School-Based Reading Day”. It was wonderful to see such a dedicated team of volunteers from BMABHK and Bank of America carving out time from their busy schedules to visit our school and read stories to our students. Our students really treasured this invaluable opportunity, eagerly listening and thoroughly enjoying the books being read aloud.

The Chinese and English picture books in the book bags are all of high quality and are very appropriate for our students to tap into their interest and reading levels. As a teacher, whenever I see students carrying the book bags over their shoulder, with our school badge printed on the back, I feel deeply gratified because I know that more students are having access to these excellent reading materials.

After receiving training from BMABHK, our teachers have conducted the “First Teachers Training” workshops for three consecutive years at our school campus. About 120 parents have participated in these workshops and, now realize the importance and understand the benefits of parent-child reading.

I would also like to share our deep appreciation to BMABHK for inviting our school to participate in their “Bring Me an Author” program. In 2019, we were fortunate to have Czech author and illustrator Petr Horacek meet our students to share his experience, stories and give a live demonstration of his illustrations. The children were very excited to meet the author in person, and I believe, that the seed of becoming a young author has been planted in the children’s hearts and minds.

Thank you to BMABHK and Bank of America for their huge support to enhance the literacy levels and reading enjoyment among our students through their meaningful programs of book donations, training and author visits.

## STORY SHARING



**Miriam,** Age 16 years old

Joined Bring Me A Book Hong Kong in 2019 as student volunteer

"I grew up reading books, including those award-winning Feng Zikai Chinese children's picture books, but I only became acquainted with Bring Me A Book Hong Kong two years ago. At that time, I went to the BMABHK office with my classmates to help volunteer my time through wrapping books, organizing book shelves and helping with data entry. I was also a volunteer storyteller, visiting many districts in Hong Kong to read books to children in need.

Each time I volunteer, I feel the benefits and joy that these picture books bring to children. Sometimes, when I open a book at the BMABHK office, I imagine the book finding its way to a child who will grow up and learn by reading it. Sometimes, when I read aloud to the children, I notice some lively ones taking a picture book from the bookshelf, flipping through its pages and hugging the book as if it is their favourite thing in the world! It moves me deeply that these books can bring so much inspiration, imagination and joy to the children.

BMABHK envisions a Hong Kong in which every child is read to, strengthening family and community bonds, and creating a love of learning. I am truly honoured to have the opportunity to be a volunteer with BMABHK, and I hope more friends will join this family of BMABHK volunteers, so that we can work together to bring quality picture books to children in Hong Kong."



## STORY SHARING



### Christina Suen

Joined our Family Membership program in 2018

I learnt about Bring Me A Book Hong Kong (BMABHK) through a friend. The first time I visited their office/ library, I was totally impressed by the collection of books and the knowledgeable yet friendly staff. The books there have been carefully selected, sorted by age, and include both popular series and hidden gems. As a family member, I can borrow four books each time, and every time it is challenge to decide which books to borrow because they are all so interesting. In the end, I have to rely on BMAB's staff recommendations, which is invaluable because every time they are able to pick books that my children adore and read repeatedly. I am grateful that we joined BMABHK's membership program, so we can access their library of well-curated books, and also for the opportunity for us to contribute to the meaningful programs supported by BMABHK.

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## Bring Me A Book Hong Kong Limited

### Income Statement For the Year Ended 30 April 2020

	2020	2019
	HK\$	HK\$
<b>INCOME</b>		
Revenue	4,403,197	3,261,108
Other income	17,246	1,358
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>4,420,443</b>	<b>3,262,466</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
General and administrative expenses	(745,284)	(807,085)
Fundraising event expenses	(82,443)	(281,187)
Program expenses	(6,122,033)	(5,016,542)
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>(6,949,760)</b>	<b>(6,104,814)</b>
<b>Deficit for the year</b>	<b>(2,529,317)</b>	<b>(2,842,348)</b>

### Statement of Financial Position At 30 April 2020

	2020	2019
	HK\$	HK\$
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Property, Plant and Equipment	5,552	34,722
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Inventories	679,222	706,713
Deposits paid	280,799	194,799
Prepayments	93,989	79,209
Other receivables	28,912	8,150
Cash and cash equivalent	6,076,171	8,380,258
	<b>7,159,093</b>	<b>9,369,129</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Bank overdraft	(385,383)	-
Accruals and other payables	(223,051)	(314,323)
Deposits received	(4,507)	(4,507)
Receipts in advance	-	(4,000)
	<b>(612,941)</b>	<b>(322,830)</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>6,546,152</b>	<b>9,046,299</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>6,551,704</b>	<b>9,081,021</b>
<b>FUNDS</b>		
Accumulated Funds	6,551,704	9,081,021

# SUPPORTERS OF BRING ME A BOOK HONG KONG

We wish to express our deepest gratitude to the following individuals and organizations for their donations and support in 2018-2020.

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