

Goodies



Castles of wisdom

WHEN we think of libraries, we often focus on the giant collection of books inside. But sometimes, the building itself is of interest as well. Recently, movie star Daniel Wu's design for a library was widely praised. Take a look at a few libraries that are memorable because of their designs rather than their content.



I don't even go to the library; I always buy my books instead!



Books are expensive here! I love going to the library and finding just the right book!



Editor's Note

Hi! Last week I went to my local library. The kids' section is actually much bigger than the one I used to go to when I was a kid so I spent hours there reading lots of children's books to my daughter. I had to make sure to keep my voice low so as to not disturb others. When I was a child, you were not allowed to make any noise in a library or else the strict librarian would go 'Sshh!' Turn to P02 to find out about fabulous libraries from around the world. Also in today's paper is news about a school where kids are happy. Read more about it in P08. Have fun reading!



Simon



Alex

Judging a library by its cover

THERE are many libraries in the world, but which is the most beautiful, which is the coolest and which is the oldest?

The most beautiful

SINCE most Hong Kong libraries are part of government buildings, they are **functional** and all look almost the same. Even the specially designed Hong Kong Central Library is not as **attractive** as it could be. Meanwhile, many have called the library at Trinity College of the University of Dublin (都柏林大學三一學院), which was built in 1592, the most beautiful in the world.



I'd love to visit all three of them!



The oldest library

AT first, people wrote on clay tablets in Sumer (蘇美爾), in 4500-1900BC, and these tablets were stored in temple **archives**. Later, governments began collecting writings and stored them in special rooms. Currently, the oldest **surviving** library in the world is in Fez, Morocco (摩洛哥非斯), called the Al-Qarawiyyin library. It has existed since 859.

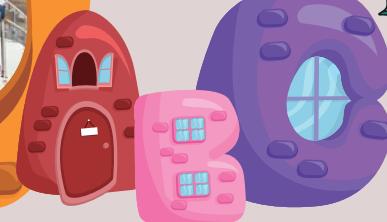
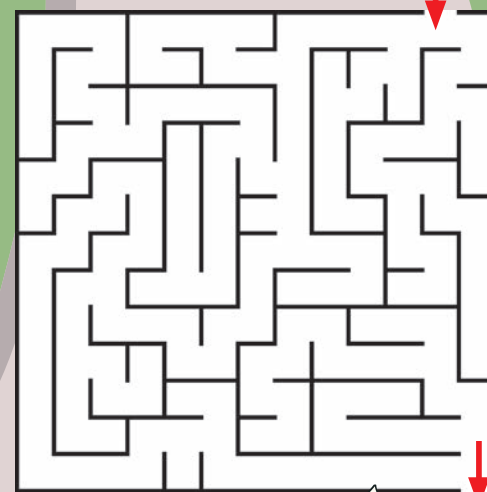


Inside China

CHINA has had libraries since the ancient times as well. During the Zhou Dynasty (周朝) from 1046BC to 256BC, Laozi (老子), the founder of **Taoism**, originally worked as the keeper of books for the government. More recently, a new library in Tianjin (天津) was called the 'coolest library in China' because of its creative and **innovative** design.



Please help Pony find her books by getting through this maze.



Answers on P12

Vocabulary

functional (adj) 實用的
attractive (adj) 漂亮的

archive (n) 檔案
surviving (adj) 存留的

Taoism (n) 道教
innovative (adj) 革新的

Challenge

