

Under the guidance of competent, experienced and seasoned facilitators and presenters, participants were able to learn how to become more efficient managers and leaders in this time of rapid changes and discoveries. Leadership training and formation are basic skills and necessary attitudes for library workers, and by having these foundations libraries are more equipped to meet the ongoing tide of challenges and demands.

■ *NCL Attends the American Library Association's 2013 Poster Session*

The American Library Association's (ALA) 137th Annual Conference was held on June 27 to July 2 at ALA's headquarters in Chicago. The theme of the meeting was "Transforming Our Libraries, Ourselves." For the poster session, a total of 325 entries were submitted from across the world, with only 37% being accepted. The NCL was an active participant in this year's conference, with its "Know, Promote, Share, Spread Chinese Culture" proposal being accepted for the Global Solutions section of the poster session.

The Library's poster highlighted its efforts to promote Chinese culture, including establishing Taiwan Academies and Taiwan Chinese Studies Resource Centers, exchanging publications with international libraries, sharing Chinese catalog resources, holding professional training for library professionals abroad, and co-creating and sharing digitized copies of ancient books.



NCL's poster entitled "Know, Promote, Share, Spread Chinese Culture."

In conjunction with the poster theme, copies of Selections of Digital Chinese Studies Resources in Taiwan compiled by the Taiwan Academy, as well as information on the Center for Chinese Studies' Research Grant for Foreign Scholars in Chinese Studies and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Taiwan Fellowship, were passed out to visitors to promote Taiwan and Chinese studies. The booth enjoyed a large number of visitors and inquiries from other libraries in the short 90 minutes of exhibition. ALA's judging committee also came to the booth and highly praised the active participation and creativity of libraries in Asia.

Events

■ *Director General of the Cologne Public Library Speaks at NCL*

Goethe-Institut, Taipei's German Culture Center, and the NCL hosted a lecture at the NCL by Hannelore Vogt, the Director General of the Cologne Public Library. She spoke on "Insights into Opportunities, Leading the Trends," citing the Cologne Public Library as an example.

Director General Vogt is not only an expert in the library and information field, but also in