

held on July 16. Dr. Fabienne Jagou, a researcher at the École française d'Extrême-Orient was invited to speak at the second session, held on August 6.

■ *“A Dialogue between Tea and Music”*

On the 18th of September at 2 pm, the Center for Chinese Studies hosted a mid-autumn festival tea party for foreign visiting scholars with the theme: “A Dialogue between Tea and Music.” Invited to this event were “Center for Chinese Studies Sponsored Scholars” and “Taiwan Scholars” sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. A total of more than 30 foreign scholars with their families from 15 countries participated in the event.

The scholars while listening to the musical performance, appreciated the tea utensils, enjoyed the smell and taste of tea flavor, satisfying their senses of smell, taste and sight as they introduced each other, sharing their interests in an atmosphere of détente.



A group photo of the participants

News from Taiwan Libraries

■ *Cloud Library Now Available at Kaohsiung Public Library*

In response to the digital internet age, the Kaohsiung Public Library has created the Taiwan Cloud Library, the most convenient, user-friendly e-book library in Taiwan. The guiding policy behind the library is “You borrow e-books; the city government pays,” allowing royalties to be paid out to authors and publishers in an attempt to encourage long-term growth in the literature and publication fields. Currently there are 1,700 books available, with plans to add 10,000 new e-books per year.

The opportunity to earn royalties each time a book is borrowed is a strong incentive to authors and publishers to make their works available. Patrons can use personal computers, laptops, tablets, and smart phones that use any of the following operating systems to read e-books on the cloud library: Windows, MacOS, Linux, iOS, and Android. The URL to the library is: <http://ebook.ksml.edu.tw>.

■ *Eden Starts Library in Yilan with 600 Books*

The Eden Foundation rented a building in Yilan and transformed it into a library for children and the elderly. On July 25, it had received a total of 600 donated books, both illustrated books and enlarged print books for the convenience of senior citizens. The Eden Foundation stated that parents reading illustrated books with children greatly increase the effectiveness of early education.

Hence, they ask that donations be of illustrated books or audio books.

■ *Library Gets Makeover: Xinzhuang Yumin Branch Popular with Public*

The 29 districts in New Taipei have 101 libraries or reading rooms. The Department of Cultural Affairs selected 10 unique libraries for a library makeover contest that was conducted through internet voting until August 31. The Yumin Branch Library in Xinzhuang won by a large margin with over 3,000 votes. The concept it suggested was an “Actual Fable World,” including 4,000 volumes of comic books—the most in New Taipei.

■ *Reading for Pleasure*

Miaoli County Library held a Youth Literature Book Exhibition from August 7 to September 1.

Based on the concept of “reading for pleasure,” the exhibition purchased the various types of novels and best sellers youth are interested in, in an attempt to spark more interest in reading and in developing reading habits.

■ *Tainan Public Library Turns 94*

Tainan Public Library was founded in 1919 and turned 94 this year. In celebration, the library held Tainan Public Library Birthday Celebration Fair and “Young and Old Having Fun Together” activities centered on lifelong learning and enjoying reading with advancing age. Prior to October 31, those who borrow a book or get a library card from the Tainan Public Library will receive a postcard on which patrons can write a message to their grandparents. The library then collects them. Patrons are given coupons for book discounts and a souvenir when they turn the postcards in.



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