

## Events

### ■ *NCL and the Kaohsiung City's Bureau of Culture cohost "Flipped Libraries: International Forum on New Paradigms in Space and Services of Public Libraries"*

In celebration of the newly-completed main branch of the Kaohsiung Public Library, the Bureau of Cultural Affairs Kaohsiung City Government and the NCL cohosted "Flipped Libraries: International Forum on New Paradigms in Space and Services of Public Libraries" on November 13-15, 2014. Nine librarians from the Netherlands, the U.S., Southern Korea, Australia, Finland, Thailand and Taiwan were invited to attend for their renown on creative space designs and service models. In addition, scholars and experts also were in attendance in the southern Taiwan venue. The main issue addressed was the important role of libraries in the new century. Specific topics discussed were "Flipping Creativity: Discovering Different Libraries," "Flipping Space: Creating a New Aesthetic for Libraries," "Flipping Images: Seeing New Value in Libraries," "Flipping Kaohsiung: Libraries Create Sense of Happiness in Cities," as well as each country's experience. The NCL's Director-general Tseng, with her vast years of experience, described the new face of libraries in this age. The title of her remarks was "Libraries in the Transition Era: New Vision, New Space, New Services, New Experience." The three-day forum saw maxed out seating and intense interaction before coming to a perfect ending.



*A group photo of the speakers*



*Director-general Tseng presents a keynote speech at the conference*

### ■ *NCL Director-general Tseng leads a delegation to the Exhibition of Cross-strait Public Libraries Development and Forward-looking Forum*

In order to display recent success in management and reading activities in public libraries in Taiwan, the NCL invited libraries with outstanding management in 2013, as well as scholars, to form a representative team of outstanding librarianship in Taiwan to go to Beijing and Nanjing from October 9-15. The NCL Director-general Tseng led the delegation to participate in the "Exhibition of Cross-strait Public Libraries Development and Forward-looking Forum on Cross-strait Libraries" jointly organized by the Library Society of China and the NCL in Beijing and the first ever "Xuanlan Forum" at Nanjing Library from October 13-15.



*A group photo before the Exhibition in Beijing*



*Remarks by Director-general Tseng*



*A group photo at the Nanjing Library*

The exhibition was themed “Encountering Happiness in a Sea of Books,” marking the first time that public libraries from both sides of the strait worked as joint curators. In addition to the exhibition and forums, visits were made to libraries in Beijing, Nanjing, and Yangzhou. The visiting of these libraries was an important platform for sharing and exchange between libraries in China and Taiwan. It was also a prologue to wonderful developments awaiting a new century of librarianship.

### ■ *NCL attends the 10th Conference on Cooperative Development and Sharing of Chinese Resources*

The 10<sup>th</sup> Conference on Cooperative Development and Sharing of Chinese Resources (CCDSCR) was held on October 20-24, 2014 in Hong Kong Central Library. The theme was “Digital Legacy—The Past and the Future of CCDSCR Projects.” The NCL was

represented by Deputy Director-general Wu Ying-mei and four others. Deputy Director-general Wu and the NCL staff spoke on “From Digitizing Collections to Globalized Development of Shared Resources: On the Cultural Sales of Special Collection Materials.” During the conference, the delegation used the opportunity to share ideas with other members and look for future possibilities in cooperative endeavors.



*A Group photo at CCDSCR*

### ■ *2014 Taiwan Reading Festival*

The NCL hosted the 2014 Taiwan Reading Festival in December, with various events being held all across the island. Over 60 institutions helped put on activities, making it the most co-sponsored reading event in the history of Taiwan. On December 7, a Reading Festival Carnival was held on the Zhongshan South Road sidewalks around the NCL. Libraries, cultural and educational foundations, book clubs, and schools throughout Taiwan were invited to claim one of the 29 stalls available, to share with the public the surprise and joy of reading. In addition, on December 20, the event “Little Library Director, Little Librarian for a Day” was held, wherein elementary school students were invited to the NCL and other public libraries to experience what it feels like to serve as a librarian.

An outdoor book wall was formed on Zhongshan South Road for the very first time, providing a wonderful reading outdoor atmosphere for the public. It was made from 200 wooden wine crates and 4,000 books. It was the main visual draw of the event. The stalls at the event were full of people, reading good books and attending quality activities, which like the sun in the winter warmed everyone’s heart.