# **News from Taiwan Libraries**

## "Zhanghua Reading Flagship Program Has International Inspiration, Urges Key Learning"

Zhanghua County's means of promoting reading traces inspiration to overseas, making it a leader in reading education as it begins a new horizon in reading promotion in Zhanghua. On December 21, the 2012 International Reading Education Forum was held at Zhanghua High School. The focal points were how to incorporate reading comprehension methods into various school subjects and how to help students develop an attitude of and interest in proactive learning. Discussants analyzed which key learning abilities future generations would need.

#### "National Taiwan Library's Comprehensive Search System for Electronic Resources Now Available"

National Taiwan Library has created the "Comprehensive Search System for Electronic Resources for the Visually-impaired." It was officially made available on December 21st and integrates electronic library resources and catalog information from government agencies, libraries, schools, and institutions for the visually-impaired. In total, the system has almost 25,000 audio books. This co-developed resource sharing platform the visually-impaired in Taiwan enables users to more easily navigate the sea of books.

### "National Taiwan Library & National Taichung Library Renamed on January 1, 2013"

The National Taichung Library was renamed on January 1, 2013 to the National Library of Public Information. Its main role will be e-book services and helping the public understand how to use this resource that is not limited by time or location. In addition, The Taiwan Branch of the National Central Library was renamed the National Taiwan Library on January 1, 2012 to reflect its rich holdings of Taiwan-related materials. First established in 1914, it was originally named the Taiwan Governor-general's Library during the Japanese occupation. Not only is it the oldest library in Taiwan, it is also the largest public library.



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