

National Central Library

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Spotlights

■ *NCL Participates in the 2015 Taipei International Book Exhibition*

The National Central Library (NCL) participated in the 2015 Taipei International Book Exhibition (TIBE) on February 11 to 16. The NCL booth, arranged under the theme “Flipping, Stunning Library, ” displayed a variety of public library and libraries’ cultural and creative products published in 2013. It also publicized the extensive achievements of the NCL in promoting reading and international cooperation. On the opening day, NCL Director General Shu-hsien Tseng represented the library in receiving a donation of about 1,000 books displayed at the fair this year. These included volumes donated by the New Zealand Pavilion organizer Publishers Association of New Zealand, represented by former President Kevin Chapman, and the Hong Kong Pavilion, represented by the pavilion’s Organizing Committee Chairman Dr. Ka Kui Lee .

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NCL Director General Tseng and NCL directors cut the ribbon at the TIBE opening ceremony.

Mr. Chapman also visited the NCL booth with Wellington Mayor Celia Wade-Brown, Creative New Zealand Chief Executive Stephen Wainwright, and others to congratulate the library. They also presented a performance of Maori songs.



Director General Tseng with the New Zealand delegation.



Director General Tseng presents a certificate of appreciation to Hong Kong Pavilion representative Dr. Lee.

During the book fair, the NCL arranged the following activities:

1. Library Forum: The forum consisted of two sessions on “Looking at National Reading Tastes” and “Taiwan Publishing Trends” on changing reading tastes and habits and the status of publishing in Taiwan. The sessions

were joined by about 250 people from the domestic and foreign library communities and publishing industries.



Director General Tseng with the forum speakers

2. Lectures: Renowned New Zealand children’s book author, Joy Cowley, gave a keynote speech on “The Healing Power of Story,” in which she shared her view that a good book can have a spiritual and emotional healing power on children, a theme that resonated positively with the more than 300 people that filled up the audience hall.





The audience lined up for an autograph from Ms. Crowley, including Director General Tseng

■ Director General Tseng Donates Books to Remote Schools

The NCL held a “Sharing Love through Books” charity sale in December, 2014 raising over US\$ 7,000. These proceeds were used to purchase nearly one thousand illustrated children’s books. The books were then donated to seven remote schools. The teachers and students of both schools were very appreciative of the NCL’s efforts to provide remote area children with more library resources.

Director General Tseng went to Yunlin County Bao-Jhong Elementary School and Peng Hu County Makung Junior High School to attend the book donation ceremonies on January 23 and March 30, respectively. Students performed for the visiting delegation. Director General Tseng donated 53 children’s books donated by the American Institute in Taiwan and the Little Kangaroo Story-Telling Troupe of the Hsin-Yi Foundation to Bao-Jhong Elementary School. The Troupe told stories to children to increase their interest in reading and to encourage strong reading

habits from a small age.

The books donated were chosen by the teachers from the respective schools. Makung Junior High School’s teachers selected many illustrated books that meet the needs of students in the special education class. These books can be used in emotional therapy, to relieve emotional stress, improve interest in reading, and increase learning effectiveness.



Director General Tseng with the Bao-Jhong Elementary School students and teachers.



Director General Tseng with the Makung Junior High School students and teachers.

Events

■ NCL and Fo Guang Shan Foundation Promote Reading in Remote Areas

The NCL teamed up with Fo Guang Shan Foundation’s Cloud and Water Mobile Library