

## News from Taiwan Libraries

### ■ *Taipei Public Library Launches QRCode “Swipe and Read” E-zine Service*

The Taipei Public Library (TPL) debuted its new HyRead online magazine (e-zine) service with 82 titles and over 2,000 issues. The service uses QRCode links for “swipe and read” convenience. The library plans to post QRCode links at MRT station and bus libraries. With a TPL library card number and password, users can log onto the library’s e-zine system and browse their favorite magazines online at anytime.

### ■ *Bookcrossing Movement Takes Off in New Taipei*

New Taipei City introduced the bookcrossing movement to Taiwan with its popular “I Read You” program. Nearly all of the 30,000 books initially released under the program have been borrowed, prompting the city library to add two new bookcrossing stations to serve readers. The library encourages people to return books to the bookcrossing stations after reading them and also welcomes people to donate good books. The library says it will continue to add new stations for book sharing.

### ■ *Chiayi City Unveils Cloud Stack Service*

Chiayi City Library inaugurated its cloud stack e-book service on November 29. The service currently offers nearly 1,000 e-books on various topics. Users can borrow up to three books at a time for a period of 14 days. The library has set up a special activity experience area to familiarize readers with e-book reading and is offering prizes, including iPad Minis, to encourage e-book use.

### ■ *NTL’s Book Borrowing Service Creates Barrier-free Learning Environment for the Blind*

The National Taiwan Library is actively establishing its Visually Impaired Center. The library has formed cooperative bibliographic information relations with six other libraries and established system for integrated searching of electronic resources for the blind. The system currently has over 40,000 bibliographic records, though information on audio books is still lacking. A visually impaired woman named Ms. Chen noted that Braille books could previously only be borrowed as parcels and usually required lengthy waiting. With the new online system, she can quickly find, download and read her favorite books.



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