

given by novelist Xian-yong Bai and playwright An-chi Wang. In addition, the five famous actors from the GuoGuang Opera Company were invited to perform mini skits, as well as share how to combine tradition and innovation to make traditional plays more appealing. The activity helped people better understand Kunqu opera, Beijing opera, and their transformation in Taiwan.



Actors demonstrate acting skills

■ Opening of New Taipei and Taitung Area Regional Resource Centers

To help public libraries integrate resources and develop services, the NCL started the “Project for the Resource Integration and Development of Public Libraries” in 2013. Four Regional Resource Centers in the northern, central, southern, and eastern regions of Taiwan and eight Area Regional Resource Centers will be established over four years.

The New Taipei Area Regional Resource Center was established in the main branch of the New Taipei Public Library. It opened on June 4. Director General Tseng expressed in her remarks that the New Taipei Regional Resource

Center combines local features and youth-themed holdings, with the hope that it can embolden more talented youths to become involved in creative works, increase creative inspiration, and encourage youths and other county residents to make use of the abundant resources available.



Group photo at the New Taipei Area Regional Resource Center

The Taitung Area Regional Resource Center, located in the Taitung County Government building, opened on June 3. The Center’s holdings focus primarily on cultural creative books. Books can be accessed via an interlibrary loan system to increase the use of these library resources.



Group photo at the Taitung Area Regional Resource Center

■ “A Tribute to Ya Hsien” Series of Activities

The NCL and Trend Education Foundation co-sponsored “A tribute to Ya Hsien” series of activities focusing on the works and literary contributions of the poet Ya Hsien. Exhibitions, seminars and many other activities were organized in view of a sustained dissemination of the seeds

of literature in Taiwan society to raise the quality of reading habits and cultivate the hearts and mind of the people through Ya Hsien's contributions and profound academic culture together with other well-known writers.

At the opening of the exhibition press conference, Professor Ya Hsien said he is a person who never throw away any piece of paper, thus saving at least more than three thousand letters which contain his communications and exchanges with many famous literary masters. He plans to compile these materials as soon as possible and entrust them to the NCL for preservation who will in turn transfer them into digitized archives, so that more people can see and appreciate these valuable materials.



Poet Ya Hsien (4th from left) with participants at the exhibition venue



Poet Ya Hsien

■ NCL Participates in the ALA Annual Meeting and is Awarded 2015 ALA Presidential Citation for Innovative International Library Projects

The 2015 ALA Annual Conference was held from June 25 to June 30 in San Francisco, USA. The activities included posters exhibition,

seminars, book exhibitions and other library information exhibition.

This year the ALA Presidential Citation for Innovative International Library Projects selected four projects which included NCL's "The Establishment of Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies - Global Promotion of Chinese Studies of the National Central Library, ROC (Taiwan)." It received the special project award presented by ALA President, MS. Courtney Young.

This year, a total of 341 applications were received to be included in the ALA poster exhibition. Admission rate was about 40 percent. One of the qualified posters admitted for exhibition was NCL's "Establishing National Regional Resource Centers to Integrate Resource Development of Public Libraries" which received the affirmation of the General Assembly and selected in the "Global Solutions" unit. These award-winning projects were opportune occasions to let the world see how the NCL promotes international Chinese Studies as well as its integration and development of nationwide public libraries resources.



"The Establishment of TRCCS- Global Promotion of Chinese Studies of the NCL" is awarded the "2015 ALA Presidential Citation for Innovative International Library Project."