

until the present time. Hopefully these activities will help to broaden and expand the people's horizons to Western humanities. More than 300 persons registered for each session.

■ NCL Professional Staff Presentation on the Research Results Funded by Mr. Si-yuan Pan

To assist in the formation of talented national libraries personnel in the fields of ancient books collection, editions, restoration and arrangement of ancient documents, and their publication with the goal of ancient books preservation, promotion and education demonstrating the research ability of Taiwan, Mr. Si-yuan Pan, president of the Pan Pacific Group funded a three-year-awarding period encouraging library professionals to receive training, make observations in Mainland China strengthening at the same time research and exchanges of ancient documents.

In the year 2015, ten researchers went to Nanjing, Shanghai, Beijing and Chongqing and other places to make research. They presented their research findings which included: the survey and classification of Dunhuang documents; the collection, spreading of wartime library ancient documents; collection and management of manuscripts; curating, preservation, restoration of ancient documents and other related matters.



A group photo after the presentation.

■ “Joy of being with NCL” Activity

The NCL specially organized the annual activity for elementary and preschool children on December 12 entitled: “Joy of being with NCL.” The activities included “Library Minions: Little Librarians on the spot experience,” “Walking into the wonderful Story House” and “Small hands making a Small book,

a creative DIY” These three activities were full of knowledge learning and fun.

There were 16 participants of Grades 5 and 6 from Taipei City. Starting with the NCL “General Service Help Desk” showing them how to borrow and return a book, to the Reference Counter where readers learn how to solve problems that had been raised to learning and how to take a book from the open shelves and fixing them to listening to a recording broadcasting the closure of the library.



Group photo of little librarians taken at the NCL after the event.

■ NCL and IFII Jointly Hold “Library Watch Commons” Forum

On December 18, the NCL and International Federation for Information Integration (IFII) jointly held the “Library Watch Commons” forum on the theme of “Future direction of libraries: Inheriting the Past and Ushering in the Future.” Director General Tseng, Professor Hong-chu Huang from Tamkang University and Deputy Director Chun-fu Shih from Cultural Affairs Bureau of Taichung City Government were invited as speakers. Both of them adopt a macro perspective and strategic thinking to specify the trends of librarianship. Using various examples, they set out the new direction and efforts needed to reach the goal of new library management. Other libraries were also invited to share their respective experiences.

In her speech, Director General Tseng pointed out that the impact of various types of libraries should be an important force in society, and should be closely related to the work of the people, their learning and personal growth. However, many people no longer need a library. Director General Tseng considered that this phenomenon brings out an important issue: what

should be the professional and core services of libraries in order to enhance library usage?

Director General Tseng further mentioned how the NCL has helped to set up four regional resource centers nationwide and eight district resource centers. These will be focal points that can lead people to again recognize the value and function of a library in the society. Currently, the NCL is promoting various projects and programs, which will also help to develop the core knowledge and abilities of librarians.



Director General Tseng (center) with Professor Hong-chu Huang (left) and Deputy Director Chun-fu Shih.

■ The Achievement of the Public Library Regional Resource Center Press Conference

The NCL initiated a four-year Project for the Resource Integration and Development of Public Libraries (2013-2016) entrusted by the MOE. Four regional and eight district resource centers were established in northern, central, southern, and eastern Taiwan. Currently holdings are comprised of over 270,000 volumes. Since the resource centers have been opened, over 630,000 volumes have been borrowed. At present, over 672 reading promotion events have been held, with a total of 172,594 attending. Therefore, MOE held a press conference to showcase the achievement of the public library regional resource center on December 21, 2015. Hopefully more people will go to the centers to use of resource center resources, increasing interest in reading and competitive advantage.



A group photo at the press conference.

NCL Publications

■ 2015 Cultural and Creative Subject Bibliographies



Published in November 2015
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The NCL has invited scholars from related disciplines to select quality publications according to four major categories: Cultural and Creative, Multicultural, Knowledge, and Teenagers for the Public Libraries Regional Resource Centers. This book is a resource providing a recommended cultural and creative subject bibliographies.

■ 2015 Teenagers Subject Bibliographies



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This book is a resource providing a recommended teenagers subject bibliographies.

■ 2015 Knowledge Subject Bibliographies



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This book is a resource providing a recommended knowledge subject bibliographies.