

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