

They are very important teaching materials for teachers. The NCL yearly invites well-known illustrated book authors both locally and from abroad to promote the reading of illustrated books. Furthermore, teachers, writers, and illustrated books promotion units are invited to come together to exchange views. Each time this draws a packed audience.

The NCL, Yu-shan Publishing Co., Ltd., Xing-yueh press and local cooperatives jointly held a series of four talks on “Decoding Picture Books.” Invited to animate the sessions were those who have been for a long period of time promoting and using children picture books in their teaching and reading education. These include secondary school teachers, university professors, writers, bookstore operators, publishing editors and all reading-lovers from all walks of life. More than one thousand people participated, acclaiming excellent recognition.

Director General Tseng in her speech pointed out that picture books help expand children’s imagination and from it, they get a lot of inspiration. All four speakers were all qualified good contributors in picture book reading literacy and education. She expressed the hope that through these lectures, the energy of picture books will be conveyed to children, training children to develop good reading habits.



Director General Tseng (2nd right, front row) with lecturers and audiences.

■ NCL “International Illustrated Book Master’s Seminar”

The NCL invited an internationally acclaimed Australian children’s book illustrator, Mr. Graeme Base to give a talk on his life experience and his works in March. Many of his works are already translated in Taiwan. Mr. Base’ illustrations have a refined style. He uses vibrant and lively colors. When one sees the beautiful nautical map or the animals in the forest illustrated inside the cover of the book, one eagerly looks forward to reading the story. Furthermore, the story is not only very imaginative, there is a strong narrative communicating an implicit concept of ecological conservation. It is indeed very educational. For this reason, his works have been called green picture books. They have won the American Green Earth Book Award, the Australian Wilderness Society’s annual Environment Award for Best Illustrated Book of the year and many other awards.



Mr. Base signed autograph mug.



Mr. Base (center) offers his manuscript to Director General Tseng (left).