



Ms. Mautner (left) with Director General Tseng.

Events

■ NCL Participates in the MOE Technological Innovation Service Plan for National Social Education Institutions

The MOE invited the director generals of ten national museums and national libraries to jointly launch the “Intelligent Service & Joyful Learning for Everyone: Technological Innovation Service Plan for National Social Education Institutions” with the goal of attaining zero distance to knowledge and unlimited service hours to create a new era in learning.

Through workshops, forums, seminars, questionnaires and other related ways and means, each participating institution will bring together experts in various fields to discuss with the general public their thinking and imagination of how future museums and libraries should look like. The fruits of the exchanges will be incorporated as reference in the details of the planning. Hopefully, with a wider public participation, the content of the project will answer the real needs and expectations of the general public.

Education Minister Wu pointed out that the goal of this Service Project is to assist museums and libraries to bring in intelligent technology using mobile devices and cloud technology to provide the general public with a new learning experience and with more intelligent services. The content of the project will include “Overall Service Model

Innovation” and “Enhancement of Core Service.” Furthermore, this project will promote that sharing of resources between museums and libraries as well as horizontal linkages.



Group photo at the plan launch press conference.

■ Imagination - Creativity - Flipping: Future Library

Three Libraries: The NCL, the NTL and National Library of Public Information jointly organize a series of activities with the theme on “Imagination - Creativity - Flipping: Future Library.” Through the interactivity between all ages and generations, the general public is enabled to voice out flipping operational planning ideas of libraries, outlining the imagination of future libraries to create library services more in line with the needs of society.

In view of this vision, starting March 2016, the three libraries held the “World Café” events, inviting children, young adults and high school students together to express their imagination in the north, central, and south regions of Taiwan. The participants has come to a consensus on the future of libraries through “World Café Conversations”.

A total of 86 persons composing 9 groups from the central region participated in the first session. They are members of book clubs, reading associations, bookstores, teachers, senior citizens, foundations, businesses, county and city governments department of Cultural Affairs, public and university library directors, librarians and others.

During the discussion sessions, they shared twelve key services to future libraries. They enumerated: simplification procedures, adequate

funding, multiple services, meeting individual needs, carrier diversity, easy operation of technology, rapid information update, healthy national policy, cross-border cooperation, quick and accurate information inquiries, international outlook, intelligent and capable service specialists.

Each group discussed issues, problems currently related to the first four services which are: their goals, causes, and future strategies. Discussion results were presented in posters together with oral reports. After reviewing the results of the discussion presented by various groups, the third group received the Prospective, Creative, and Flip Future Awards respectively.

Director General Tseng made a comprehensive remark after each group has presented their results. She pointed out that library staff has to break out of the usual framework. Creative thinking is the vital kind of thinking for the future direction and foundation for the development of libraries. She hopes that the results of the discussions may be applied to their respective services.



Three library director generals with young adults.

The second session was comprised of elementary teachers and students who had success in promoting reading or who had won the Reading Foundation Award. Approximately 60 students attended and creatively explored the future of libraries through drawing, words, or other artistic means, such as skits, PowerPoint presentations, paper models, videos, and colorful artwork.



Students' imagination for future libraries.

Participants in the third session were approximately 80 young scholars from 23 high schools and 9 universities. They engaged in group discussion on “staff,” “library holdings,” “services,” and “facilities” of future libraries. Minister Wu of Ministry of Education (MOE) also attended the event, answering questions and discussing issues with these young scholars. In his address, he stated that imagination is requisite for motivation and for goals, and that current ideas play an important role in the direction and motivation of future library improvement. He hoped that all would come together to create an intelligent library that exhibited zero distance to knowledge and unlimited service hours.



Minister Wu (4th right, back row) and library director generals with young scholars and other guests.

■ “Decoding Picture Books” Lecture Series

Picture books have enormous influence in the language learning and development of children.