



News from Taiwan Libraries

■ Books Can Be Borrowed at Convenience Stores

In 2015, the Taipei Public Library teamed up with convenience stores to allow patrons to return library books at these stores. Since October 2016, it has announced the ability to borrow books from convenience stores, opening up the service throughout the island. Patrons using this service will need to pay for the shipping costs and it will take at least two days for books to arrive.

■ Smart Book Stands: Convenience in Borrowing and Returning Books

Keelung City has installed a Smart Book Stand at the Qidu (七堵) train station. It is estimated the Stand can hold up to 380 books. This move is a way to make library services more convenient, especially for commuters. The public can use the stand if they have a library card.

■ Kaohsiung Public Library to Co-build Library Inn

Kaohsiung City Hall is inviting businesses to construct a “library inn” next to its main library. The inn will be 33 stories (with six being underground) and have a bookstore, a multipurpose conference room, lodging and food, movie screens, cultural arts facilities, and other commercial options. It is intended that investment and construction will follow Taiwan Life Insurance Company’s model of BOT (build – operate – transfer).

■ Hsinchu City’s First “Paper Library”

Tables, chairs, and bookshelves are made from the environmentally-friendly corrugated fiberboard, transforming Dingpu Elementary School library into a lively, intriguing, green library. In addition to beautifying its reading space, the wide use of cardboard gives the library a storybook feeling, making it more appealing to children.



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