

Jessixa Bagley shares her backstory behind her creativity with the audience.

Jessixa Bagley first read her newest work *Laundry Day*, which depicts two ordinary badgers who are brothers and quite playful. Their interaction with their mother is both cute and interesting in a mischievous way. The ending is most entertaining. Neal Porter recalled his feelings when he first received the submission for *Boats for Papa*. It is a moving story that brought tears to his eyes. Bagley and Porter both shared the details of editing a children's book and the interaction that occurs between author and editor. The most moving part of the event was when at the end they both did a reading of *Boats for Papa*.



Jessixa Bagley and Neal Porter in a discussion.

## NCL Publications

### ■ Reading Happiness: Taiwan's 2016 Reading Habits Survey Results Press Conference and Model Patrons Award Ceremony Events Handbook

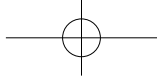


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This handbook is a compilation of the 2016 reading habits survey results and model patrons' reflections on reading. It analyzes over 6.3 million records of books borrowed so as to understand the reading habits of Taiwan's citizens. Results are provided as a reference to libraries in generating strategies for innovative rolling service.

## NCL International Exchange Events

On Jan. 6, 2017 Dr. Ondrej Klimes, a faculty member at the Czech Academy of Sciences, was in Taiwan on a research trip. During his trip, he came to National Central Library and met with Director-general Tseng to discuss the possibility of co-hosting a Chinese studies conference and exhibition.



*Director-general Tseng presents a gift of books to Dr. Klimes.*

On Jan. 13, 2017 Representative Asher Yarden from the Israel Economic and Cultural Office in Taipei and Representative Martin Eberts from German Institute Taipei, along with two others, visited NCL and paid an official visit to Director-General Tseng. They discussed co-hosting events related to the International Holocaust Remembrance Day commemoration.



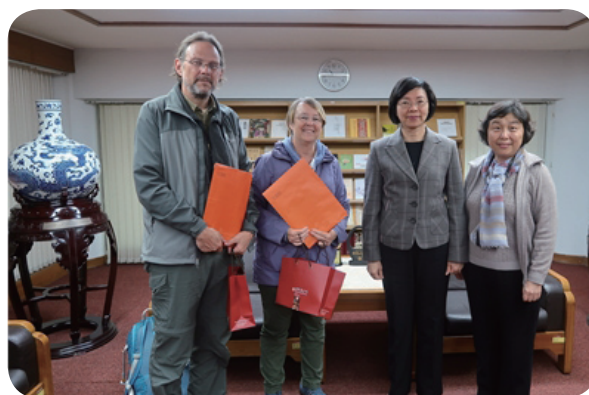
*Representative Martin Eberts (2nd left), Director-General Tseng (center) and Representative Asher Yarden (2nd right) take a photo after the meeting.*

On Jan. 25, 2017 Representative Mr. Khaliun Panidjunai and Deputy Head Mr. Yadmaa Ganbaatar from the Ulaanbaatar Trade and Economic Representative Office

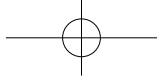
visited NCL and paid an official visit to Director-General Tseng. They discussed collaborative projects for the new year and toured NCL's Rare Books Room and related services and facilities.

On Feb. 24, 2017 A group of 14 students from Tsurumi University's Department of Library, Archival and Information Studies and from Shih Hsin (世新) University visited NCL. They toured the Rare Books Room, the Japanese-Korean Collection, and other services and facilities.

On Feb. 24, 2017 Director Kathleen Burnett and Dr. Gary Burnett from the College of Communication and Information at Florida State University visited NCL. In their meeting with Director-General Tseng, they discussed issues related to library information developments. After the discussion, they toured library services and facilities, including the Rare Books Room.



*Dr. Gary Burnett (1st left) and Director Kathleen Burnett (2nd left) pose with Director-General Tseng (2nd right).*



On Mar. 1, 2017 Director of Spanish, Chamber of Commerce visited NCL. Spanish Chamber of Commerce Director Jose Luis Echaniz Cobas visited NCL to discuss possible collaboration on certain plans and activities. After the discussion, he toured library services and facilities.

On Mar. 6, 2017 Librarian from the Institute of Chinese Studies at Free University of Berlin visited NCL. Mr. Amir Kahana, a librarian at Free University of Berlin's Institute of Chinese Studies, visited NCL to discuss publication exchange in the future between the two libraries.

On Mar. 9, 2017 Director-General Sridharan Madhusudhanan and Deputy Director-General Sandeep Jakhar from the India-Taipei Association visited NCL and met with Director-general Tseng. They discussed matters related to cooperative endeavors and toured the Rare Books Room and other library facilities and services.



*Director-General Tseng (right) presents publications to Director-General Sridharan Madhusudhanan.*

## Chinese Studies Symposium

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Two Global Chinese Studies lectures took place on February 22. Prof. Peter B. Ditmanson, an NCL visiting scholar, and Prof. Jana S. Rošker of the University of Ljubljana, recent recipient of a Research Grant for Foreign Scholars in Chinese Studies. The two speakers shared the fruits of their research in Taiwan.

The American scholar Prof. Ditmanson was the first to speak. He spoke on “Research Begins in the Library: The Successes and Failures of My Ming History Research.” Wende Huang (黃文德), Head of the Center for



*From left: Prof. Ditmanson, Dr. Huang, and NCL Director-General Tseng.*



*Prof. Rošker shares her research findings in the seminar.*