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前言 Introduction

紙是人類文明史上最重要的發明之一。除了作為表達思想之媒介，紙的發明並影響了書籍文明的發展，為書籍演進史上最主要與重要的材料。本展覽以紙為內容主軸，期以透過造紙術之發明、寫本書籍的誕生、印刷術的發明與發展、書的裝幀藝術等子題，並搭配國家圖書館館藏古籍與臺灣當代書籍為展品，讓大眾一窺紙文化的魅力，理解紙與書籍在人類文明史上的重要地位。

Paper is one of the most important inventions in human civilization. The invention of paper as a medium to deliver thoughts has a direct impact on the development of books and civilization, since paper has been the most important material for the development of books from ancient to modern times. The subject of this exhibition is paper, including the invention of papermaking, the origins of written books, the invention and development of printing, book-binding art, among others. The Rare Book Collection of the National Central Library and contemporary publications in Taiwan are also part of the exhibition which allows visitors to learn about the fascinating history of paper culture and to understand the important role played by paper and books in the history of human civilization.