

■ The NCL Hosts a Series of Lectures on “Imagination, Reality, and Memory in the World of Indigenous Literature”

To promote reading in Taiwan, in 2012 the National Central Library (NCL) launched its Four Seasons of Reading lectures. Each season, a different theme is chosen for each season, and scholars are invited to give lectures. The 2018 summer lecture series took place from May 12 to July 28, with the theme “Imagination, Reality, and Memory in Indigenous Literature.” The lecture topics such as the development of Taiwanese indigenous literature, poetry and legends, maritime literature, ethnic culture, women’s writing, and music creation, will guide the public on a journey, exploring the variety and rich vitality of indigenous literature. The themes of the six lectures were as follows:

May 12 “Singing with a Pen: The Formation and Development of Indigenous Taiwanese Literature.” Sun Ta-chuan, Vice-President of the Control Yuan.

May 26 “Myths, Legends, Poetry.” Pu Chung-cheng, Director of the College of Indigenous Studies, National Dong Hwa University.

June 9 “The Ocean Takes Me on a Journey.” Syaman Rapongan, author.

June 16 “Your Name: The Many Encounters of Indigenous Literature and Cultural Identity.” Chen Chih-fan, assistant professor of the Institute of Taiwan Literature, National Tsing Hua University.

June 23 “The Finest Drops of Rain Scatter and Coalesce like Stars: A Survey of Contemporary Indigenous Women’s Writing in Chinese.” Dong Shu-ming, assistant professor of the Department

of Chinese Language and Literature, National Taitung University.

June 28 “Passing on Old and Writing New Songs: From the Vinyl Age to the CD Age.” Eric Scheihagen, radio presenter for Alian 96.3, and Liu Chih-chun, assistant professor of the Graduate Institute of Cultural and Educational Management, Central Taiwan University of Science and Technology.



The summer lecture series attracts an enthusiastic audience.

■ The NCL’s 2018 Advanced Public Library Management Training Program

To assist in enhancing library services and the professional knowledge of library staff, the National Central Library (NCL) held the 2018 Advanced Public Library Management Training Program series. On May 22, 2018, the first session of the series took place at Taichung Public Library. The NCL Director-General Tseng stated in her remarks that the successful development of Taiwan’s public libraries was reliant on the hard work and dedication of local library staff at the program’s opening.

A group of experts and scholars in the field of Library and Information Science were arranged to give lectures for this series of advanced training. They delivered a rich and varied program, imparting the latest trends in library development, theoretical