



The deposited books include Shakespeare's *Second Folio*.

There are more than 4,400 volumes NCL's Western language collection that are more than a century old. In future the Library will scan these books and put them online, so that readers can conveniently browse them or use them for research.

■ Audio Materials of Cardinal Tien Young Writers Club Courses Donated to the NCL

On May 24, 2018, the National Central Library (NCL) held a donation ceremony for 1,661 volumes of audio tapes on the Cardinal Tien Young Writers Club courses. Director-General Tseng stated in her remarks that she was grateful the Cardinal Tien Cultural Foundation was willing to donate such rare audio tapes to the NCL. The Cardinal Tien Young Writers Club has had the courses for over 40 years. These audio tapes are the records of the courses hosted by the authors, including some well-known authors such as Jiang Xun, Fu Pei-jung, Bai Ling, and Luo Yi-jun. These audio tapes have been cataloged in March by the NCL.

In addition to creating catalog records for these tapes so as to preserve them as rare cultural assets, the NCL has plans to reformat them as digital audio files that can be provided to the public. It is hoped that doing so can promote the development of literary writing in Taiwan and bring about an atmosphere thick with literature.



President Lu Da-cheng (left) presents Director-General Tseng with a donation of tapes.

■ The NCL and Southern Taiwan University of Science and Technology Co-hosted the 10th Outstanding Theses and Dissertations Presentation and Competition

The National Central Library (NCL) and the Southern Taiwan University of Science and Technology (STUST) co-hosted the 10th Outstanding Theses and Dissertations Presentation and Competition. This is the tenth consecutive year of the event, which was held on May 18th in STUST's library. The purpose of the event is to encourage the open access of outstanding theses, dissertations, and also scholarly papers, as well as an increase in production of outstanding research in this regard in Taiwan.

The event also promotes the idea of open access for these theses and dissertations, so that there will be less plagiarism and thus increase international visibility of research achievements in Taiwan. There were 24 master's and doctoral students from a variety of disciplines and schools presenting their research in 2018. These theses and dissertations will be authorized for inclusion in the National Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations in Taiwan database. Currently, this database has over one million records, with over 440,000 full-text theses and dissertations—making it one of the most