

September 15 “Tales of the Strange, *Kungfu* Novels, and Movies: Using Drama to Understand the World-wise King Hu, Ang Lee, and Hsiao-hsien Hou.” Hsiang-yin Chen, Associate Research fellow, Institute of Chinese Literature and Philosophy at Academia Sinica.

October 6 “How *Kungfu* Novels Became Classics: Beginning with Characters and Plots.” Fu-chang Hsu, Professor of Department of Chinese Literature at National Taiwan University.

October 13 “Endless Trouble in Martial Art World, But an Unbroken Dream of Chivalry: An Introduction to Contemporary and Modern *Kungfu* Novels by Famous Authors.” Tsao-min Tsai, Associate Professor and Chair of Department of Taiwanese Literature at Aletheia University.



Prof. Pao-chung Lin (seated) signs the books for participants after the Reading Lecture.

■ “Touch Your Dreams,” an Exhibition of the Work of Czech Illustrator Tomáš Řízek Held at the NCL

On the afternoon of June 30, 2018, the opening ceremony for “Touch Your Dreams,” an exhibition of the work of Czech Illustrator Tomáš Řízek, was held at the National Central Library (NCL) from June 29 to July 29, 2018.

Mr. Tomáš Řízek is a well-known contemporary Czech illustrator who has illustrated over 50

children’s books, including editions of *Ali Baba and the 40 Thieves*, and *Grimm’s Tales*. He has been awarded the Italian Hans Christian Anderson Prize for his work.

Around 40 of the artist’s illustrations featuring a variety of brush techniques were on display at the exhibition, of which the majority were illustrations of indigenous Taiwanese stories, such as *Atayal Warriors’ Journey* and *Lukai Pearl*. During the opening ceremony, Mr. Řízek also presented a piece named *Moon Mirror* to the NCL, which was accepted by Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng on behalf of the Library.

After the opening ceremony had concluded, Mr. Řízek gave a personal guided tour of his works to those attending. He then led a painting workshop in Conference Room 301 of NCL, in which he demonstrated watercolor and egg tempera painting techniques. In a room that was filled to capacity, the enthusiastic exchanges between Mr. Řízek and the attendees provided the perfect conclusion the event.



Mr. Řízek (left) presents Director-General Tseng with the piece named *Moon Mirror*.

■ Research Starts with a Question: the NCL Holds 2018 Young Scholars Cultivation Camp

The National Central Library (NCL) held a customized Young Scholars Cultivation Camp