Ya-hui Wei explained in English the numerous resources available there.

The foreign scholars actively asked questions during the tour and widely approved of the direction Taiwan is taking in the management and availability of government documents. They better understood the documents available from various government institutions and the benefit and value these could have to their research.

Visiting foreign scholars visit National Archives Administration.

LIS Seminars

■ Conference on Scientometrics - Promises, Challenges and Limitations

Organizer: Department and Graduate Institute of Library and Information Science, National Taiwan University & Center for Research in Econometric Theory and Applications (CRETA), National Taiwan University

Date: August 7, 2018

Venue: Department and Graduate Institute of Library and Information Science, National Taiwan University

■ Lecture on Digital Archive- the New Value of Research and Teaching

Organizer: CONsortium on Core Electronic Resources in Taiwan (CONCERT) & John Wiley & Sons

Date: August 28, 2018

Venue: National Taiwan University GIS Convention Center

■ Workshop on Subject Librarians Sand Box Program

Organizer: CONsortium on Core Electronic Resources in Taiwan (CONCERT) & National Taiwan University Library & National Taiwan Normal University Library & Library Association of The Republic of China (Taiwan)

Date: September 3-4, 2018

Venue: College of Social Science, National Taiwan University

■ Conference on Taiwan Academic Institutional Repository

Organizer: National Taiwan University

Date: September 21, 2018

Venue: National Taiwan University Library

News from Taiwan Libraries

■ New Taipei City Library Launch Facial Recognition Book Borrowing Technology

On August 14, 2018, New Taipei City Library became the first of Taiwan's public libraries to launch facial recognition technology. No library card is necessary: after scanning the reader's face, he or she inputs a password, and can then borrow or return books. The technology is also used to gain entry into staff less libraries.

The first wave of libraries to receive facial recognition book borrowing technology includes

the main library, Banqiao Station Self-Service Library, Luzhou Ren Ai Self-Service Library, and the iReading Automated Book Stop at Sanchong MRT Station. The technology will then be progressively rolled out to different districts. When applying to use the service, a dedicated member of staff will first verify the reader's identity and then register them on the system. After registration, all information will be password-protected in accordance with data protection laws to ensure the security of all readers' likenesses and personal data.

■ Zero Distance: The NTL Improves Access to Its Collection and Resources for Visually Impaired Readers

The National Taiwan Library (NTL) has created an integrated resource search system to respond more closely to the needs of visually-impaired readers. The library has worked with the National Library of Public Information, Taipei Public Library, and Kaohsiung Public Library to establish a combined catalogue and interlibrary loan service, which will facilitate more effective circulation of the resources of institutions for visually impaired people.

The Visual Impairment Information System (VIIS) is a service that provides a way to search, browse, borrow and download electronic braille full-text, e-books, and talking books (MP3). Visually-impaired readers can now freely access and read this information at any time and from any location.

■ Luzhou Ren Ai Self-Service Library Opens Its First Parking Lot Branch

Taiwan's first library in a parking lot, Luzhou Ren Ai Self-Service Library, officially opened on July 13, 2018. At over 660 square meters, this completely self-service library holds over 13,000 books. The library is located on the second floor of the parking lot, making it easy for the public to visit the library to borrow or return books after they have parked their cars. The library is mostly self-service, and is fitted with an automatic security door and self-service book borrowing and returning equipment.

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