

The NCL carefully selected 122 books suitable for young children and teenagers to donate to the TCIS, which are on display in a dedicated space in the school library. The donated books enrich the school's Chinese collection, while also giving students overseas the chance to read some of the fine books published in Taiwan.

### ■ **NCL and Lam Research Co-host the Reading is Cool Carnival and Book Donation Ceremony**

The donation ceremony of "Reading is Cool Carnival" jointly hosted by the National Central Library (NCL) and Lam Research, took place on October 20, 2018, at Hsinchu Cultural Affairs Bureau Water Plaza. The NCL and Lam Research together selected six elementary schools in the Hsinchu area to each receive a donation of 100 English-language books. In addition to the books, each school was given their own special bookshelves through the Sharing Love Through Books scheme to help them create a comfortable English reading corner in their school library. The aim of the donations was to provide effective encouragement to children to study English as early as possible in their education.

The NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng stated in her remark that the smooth rollout of the Sharing Love Through Books scheme was thanks to the strong support of Lam Research in establishing ample English reading resources at schools. In his remarks, Daniel Liao, President of Asia Pacific Operations at Lam Research, expressed the hope that Sharing Love through Books would enable children to begin exploring the world through books from an even younger age.

The carnival featured wonderful English reading related activities for the public, such as a picture book story village, English music party, English game area, activities to help break through reading barriers, and also a bookstall area.



*NCL Director-General Tseng(6th right) and President Liao(6th left) at the donation ceremony of "Reading is Cool Carnival."*

### ■ **NCL Holds 2018 Technical and Services Training for School and Public Libraries**

The National Central Library (NCL) held 2018 technical and services training for school and public library staff in October of 2018. The ultimate aim of the annual training sessions is to enhance the quality of school and public library cataloguing and services. The southern region training day took place on October 5, 2018, at Kaohsiung Main Public Library, followed by the northern region training day held at the NCL on October 16. The sessions were attended by combined total of 250 library staff.

The training comprised two main units: Classification of books and Related Tools, and Cataloging of Books and Bibliographical Resources. Besides briefly and clearly explaining common regulations and important theoretical principles, the training also gave the library staff opportunity to practice using real world examples and to participate in classroom discussions. The trainees were given

hands-on experience of the cataloging process, gradually learning how to construct complete classification numbers, subject headings, and bibliographic data.



*Classroom practice in cataloguing bibliographic data.*

## NCL publications

### ■ The Southern Branch of the National Central Library and National Repository Library: Collected Construction Design Competition Entries



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The Southern Branch of the National Central Library and National Repository Library Construction Project Design Competition was the largest and most complex library technology and service tender in Taiwan in recent years. The concept for the winning entry from Bio-architecture Formosana was “Library as a Town.” Covered with a photovoltaic canopy, the library will integrate existing resources and be connected to the town via an existing road.

It is hoped that the new library, to be built in Xinying, Tainan, will achieve the diamond grade green building standard. Walking along the library’s main walkway, visitors will pass an outdoor study room, library museum, collection center, café, and town auditorium. Together these elements will transform the library into a “living museum”.

### ■ Wise Captains on the Sea of Books: The 2018 Ministry of Education Outstanding Contribution to Libraries Awards



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This book introduces the winners of the Outstanding Contributions to Libraries Awards, sponsored by the Ministry of Education and held by the National Central Library (NCL). The 2018 awards were divided into three categories: Outstanding Contribution by a Leading Local Official; Outstanding Contribution by a Senior Library Chief; and Outstanding Contribution by a Librarian. This book is an introduction to the award winners, aiming to familiarize readers with the work of Taiwan’s public libraries and highlight the award winners’ achievements.

## NCL International Exchange Events

October 3, 2018, India-Taipei Association Deputy Director General Sandeep Jakhar visited