

Events

■ Elaine L. Westbrooks, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Librarian, Visits NCL to Deliver a Lecture

On July 30, 2019, Ms. Elaine L. Westbrooks, University Librarian from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, visited the National Central Library (NCL) to give a lecture and participate in a discussion at the library's invitation. She spoke on "The Future of Scholarly Communications: Moving Towards an Open Infrastructure." A number of professors from Library and Information Studies departments, library directors, and colleagues in the field of Library and Information Studies from all over Taiwan attended.

The lecture was personally moderated by NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng. The main focus of the lecture was on how university libraries can formulate appropriate development strategies and approaches towards academic resource development that will enable them to share a sustainably developed academic communication environment with university staff and students. In Ms. Westbrooks view, if we wish to create a future of sustainably developed scholarly communications, then besides continuing to work with university teaching staff to advocate the idea and importance of open access to academic resources, we must also understand what academic resources staff and students need in practice; we need to analyze current resource use and user behavior in order to identify core resources, and then use this as a basis for considering follow up purchases of academic resources.

At the end of the lecture, a succession of

professors from Library and Information Science departments and colleagues working in the field took advantage of this rare and valuable opportunity to ask Ms. Westbrooks' advice. They also shared their local situations and experiences, making this lecture an even more meaningful occasion.



UNC-Chapel Hill university librarian, Ms. Westbrooks (center) photographed with NCL Director-General Tseng (fifth right), and several professors from Library and Information Science Field.

■ NCL Holds Explanatory Meetings Regarding Tenders for the Southern Branch of the National Central Library and National Repository Construction Project

Meetings explaining the tendering process for the construction of the southern branch of the National Central Library (NCL) and National Repository Library were held in Xinying, Tainan on August 9 and the at the library on August 12, 2019. Sixteen construction companies attended the meetings.

The NCL strongly emphasized the importance of these explanatory meetings. The Tainan meeting was chaired by Deputy Director-General Wu Yingmei, who also gave the introductory speech, while the Taipei meeting was moderated and introduced by Director-General Shu-hsin Tseng. The project was designed by architect Ching-hwa Chang of