

LIS Seminars

■ DADH 2019_10th International Conference of Digital Archives and Digital Humanities

Organizer: National Taiwan Normal University, National Taiwan Normal University Library, Graduate Institute of Library & Information Studies, Graduate Institute of Taiwan History, Center of China Studies, Institute for Research Excellence in Learning Science, Taiwanese Association for Digital Humanities, Academia Sinica Center for Digital Cultures

Date: December 3-6, 2019

Venue: International Conference Hall, National Taiwan Normal University

■ Taiwan OCLC Governing Members Consortium

Organizer: National Taiwan University Library

Date: November 29, 2019

Venue: International Conference Hall, National Taiwan University

■ 2019 Electronic Resources and Consortia Program Topic: Shaping the New World: Global Trends in Scholarly Communication

Organizer: CONCERT

Date: November 14-15, 2019

Venue: International Conference Hall of Hong-Yue Technology Research Building, National Taipei University of Technology

■ 2019 International Workshop for Professional Librarians: Development and Application of Digital Humanities

Organizer: National Central Library

Date: October 28 - November 1, 2019

Venue: International Conference Hall, National Central Library

News from Taiwan Libraries

■ NCL Delivers the Library to Your Home via OTT TV

Imagine turning on your TV, and hundreds of e-books and audio-visual media appearing before your very eyes. It is as if the library has been moved into your home. The National Central Library(NCL) is pioneering Taiwan's first OTT library service. Launched on October 28, 2019, NCL's Library to Your Home is a digital TV platform built with technology developed by the Industrial Technology Research Institute, which streams e-books and other digital media produced by 45 different government bodies to set-top boxes and smart TVs in people's homes. Library to Your Home offers the public complete access to knowledge and learning through their televisions and fulfils the NCL's dream of bringing the library into people's homes.

NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng said that in order to make Taiwan more competitive, the government tries to encourage the public to continue learning throughout their lives. Learning is not something that only takes place in classrooms, but often requires the learner to actively seek out new knowledge. The government's role is to encourage this by giving the public easy access to knowledge.

■ An Original Copy of the Document Establishing Napoleon Bonaparte as 'Consul for Life' Is Deposited at the NCL

Over recent years, a family of Chinese book collectors has gradually been depositing items from its collection of rare, antique, and first imprint Western language books at the NCL for safekeeping. The books from the Cheng Ting Tang collection include an original document which records the results of the French constitutional referendum that made Napoleon 'First Consul for Life', as well as a copy of Shakespeare's Second Folio.

In an interview with a Central News Agency reporter, NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng said that, given limited funds, it was very difficult for the NCL to purchase antique Western language books on the open market. Because first imprints have a particularly high asking price, the library relies on donations or deposits from private collections. To give Taiwan's scholars with opportunities to examine such books and documents, in recent years the NCL has begun sending librarians and experts overseas to carry out research that will enhance the library's understanding in this area.

In 2018, Cheng Ting Tang began to successively deposit items in its collection with the NCL. At the time of writing, 43 titles spanning a total of 49 volumes have been relocated to the library, many of which are valuable first imprints. They include an 1843 edition of A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens; an 1871 edition of The Descent of Man and Selection in Relation to Sex by Charles Darwin; a 1620 edition of Novum Organum Scientiarum by Francis Bacon; a 1762 edition of Du Contrat Social ou Principes du Droit Politique [The Social Contract] by Jean-Jacques Rousseau; and a 1637 edition of Discours de la Method [Discourse on the Method] by René Descartes. The latest document, said to be the only one of its kind in the world, was published

in 1802.

■ **The Library Is also a Gym: Taiwan's First 'Night Run Classroom' Opens at the NLPI**

Who said libraries were only for reading in! This year, the National Library of Public Information (NLPI) has set itself another creative challenge. In recent years, people have become increasingly dedicated to exercise and fitness regimes, such as jogging, cycling, and yoga. NLPI's contribution to the 2019 Taiwan Reading Festival was called "Reading Unlimited: Move More, Read More," an activity that combined reading and exercise, based on the idea that "a library doesn't have to be just a library, it can also be a gym." It gave people the chance to enjoy a workout at the library.

NLPI Director-General Chung-cheng Liu explained that in 2019 the library originally pioneered the idea of setting up a 'pop-up gym' and 'night run classroom' in the library and pairing it with an exercise-themed exhibition. By introducing knowledge into an exercise context in this way, he said, the public have the opportunity to acquire much useful knowledge about exercise. This creates a situation where they are simultaneously benefiting from both reading and exercise.



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