

Reading events that were most popular among the public were “Reading Divination” which brought together reading and folk culture, “Home Library Design” which showed the public what a family reading space could look like, “A Night at the Library” which flips the normal operations hours on their head, “Pets Read with You” which is an innovative group reading experience, “AR Reading Experience” which brings together technology and texts, and “Take A Book on a Picnic” which integrates nature with reading, among others. These are some of the Top 5 regardless of the location or the gender of the person voting. This goes to show that libraries’ use of innovating reading events can help bring the public to the library, to feel a connection with the library, and try new and different reading experiences.

In addition to announcing the voting results on their website, NCL have the results of the “100 Reading Events by Libraries” and the “The Public Loves Reading” events posted in their Art and Culture Center on the first floor. This serve as a reference board for those interested.



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■ 2020 Youth Scholars Cultivation Camp: A Knowledge Feast in the Heat of Summer

During the summer break National Central Library held a customized Youth Scholars Cultivation Camp for high school and vocational students throughout the island. From July 20 to August 14, 2020, the camp was held in Taipei, Taichung, and Kaohsiung. This is the sixth year that it has been held. A total of 406 students registered for the camp, with 150 per site. Students who registered were from all over the island. The Youth Scholars Cultivation Camp has received the approval and support of high school teachers, students, and parents in Taiwan.



The vibrant and adorable participants of the Youth Scholars Cultivation Camp in front of the National Central Library.

The camp team this time designed a series of classes covering scholarly thought development, research methods, writing scholarly papers, using library resources, survey design and analysis, and practice research. Invited to speak were outstanding scholars in Taiwan, such as Dr. Yu-xiang Hao from National Taipei University of Education, Dr. Hsiang-kai Tung from National Chengchi University, Dr. Li-feng Chi from National Chung Hsing University, Dr. Hsin-yi Tsai from National Chiao Tung University, Dr. Kuo-feng Chung from National Cheng Kung University, Dr. San-Pui Lam from National Sun Yat-sen University, and National Central Library’s Dr. Ching-ju Cheng, Dr. Han-yun Chang, Dr.

Wan-yin Hung, as well as three assistant editors: Hung-te Wang, Nai-wei Chen, and Chao-min Chiu. During the five-day camp, the students were guided on thinking of a topic, selecting appropriate reference works, and presenting ample research findings through independent thinking and group collaboration.

At the outset of the camp, National Central Library's Deputy Director-General Ying-mei Wu encouraged students to take advantage of this learning opportunity. Not only will they gain a greater understanding of how to use library resources, but they will also be able to apply these research methods and logical thinking in their future occupations. Even more importantly, the other students they will get to know during the discussions will become important partners in their future paths.

After the camp, an analysis was conducted on the three-tiered learning survey filled out by participating students before and after the camp. The average score rose from 3.4 to 4.44. Students expressed that they had learned a lot. Participants were reluctant to leave after the camp ended and were busy setting times when they would meet again.



Students wear their “Research starts with a question” T-shirts.

NCL Hosts “Local Memories in Digital Archives: Tamsui Wiki as a Case Study” Lecture

To increase and strengthen the professional acumen of NCL staff and librarians throughout

Taiwan in library and information science and in operational knowledge, on August 24 NCL invited Prof. Sinn-Cheng Lin from Tamkang University's Department of Information and Library Science to speak on “Local Memories in Digital Archives: Tamsui Wiki as a Case Study.”

NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng stated in her remarks that each country and even each locale has now started developing and promoting various types of local memory projects. Not only can it preserve precious records and culture of local history and humanities but also through innovation and application can promote local culture and use. This lecture aimed to help NCL staff and other librarians understand how to bring together local memory and community participation by highlighting the process and experience of Prof. Lin's execution of the Tamsui Memory project and the creation of the Tamsui Wiki. This can also aid in the digital preservation of cultural assets and educational promotion, as well as understand core spirit and methods of promoting public history and digital humanities collaboration. Furthermore, he hopes that NCL staff can gain something from the valuable experience and knowledge shared in the lecture, and that it can be effectively applied to the creation and long-term maintenance of NCL's Taiwan Memory.



A scene of the lecture.

During the lecture, Prof. Lin began by discussing the basic meaning of digital archives so that the audience clearly understood the three elements of digital archives (users, the system, and content). He tweaked the Five Laws