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### ■ Cultivating Key Skills Through Reading—Guide to Selecting Picture Books for Children



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The National Central Library innovatively designed the age-based theme table for infants and toddlers, and, in accordance with age and content suitability, established the seven-theme, 24-topic age-based theme table for 0-3 year-old children's books and the seven-theme, 26-topic table for 3-6 year-old children's books (also including four third-level themes and three fourth-level themes), providing a reference for the classification of library information organization themes. In addition to theme-tables, this book also includes a list of thematic books, and from the life situations of infants and young children, books for reading together to accompany children as they grow, and suggestions for the organization of library activities using this table.

### ■ 2020 National Taiwan Public Library Development Conference Handbook



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This book is the 2020 National Taiwan Public Library Development Conference Handbook, organized by the Ministry of Education and produced by the National Central Library. Through this conference, Taiwan public libraries will be supported in overcoming various challenges, providing a better quality of service, and being better able to gather opinions from multiple parties to build consensus. The policy implementation stage will be fully communicated to enhance implementation effectiveness, and the policy review stage will be the basis for the next stage of policy development.

### Chinese Studies Symposium

#### ■ The Center for Chinese Studies Holds Academic Seminars for Global Chinese Studies Lectures

The Center for Chinese Studies (CCS) promotes academic exchanges in order to increase interaction between the local and overseas Chinese Studies communities. To this end, the CCS established the Research Grant for Foreign Scholars in Chinese Studies, which every year assists 15-20 overseas scholars in coming to Taiwan to conduct research for periods of between 3 and 6 months. Besides hosting Academic Seminars for Global Chinese Studies from time to time at which these scholars can present the fruits of the research, the center also often invites renowned scholars from around the

world to visit and deliver lectures. Between October and December, 2020, eleven scholars gave their presentations. Topics and speakers for each session are as follows:

On October 27th, 2020, Dr. Roman Shapiro, Associate Professor of Department of Chinese Studies at University of Masaryk University, Czech Republic, gave the lecture on “The Chinese Princess in the West: from Persian Fairy-tales through Puccini’s Turandot to Traditional Chinese opera”. At the same day, Mr. SIM Kok Meng, Persatuan Kesenian Belia Heart towards the Sun, Kula Lumpur Dan Selangor, Malaysia, gave the lecture on “Discovering Taiwan’s Drama Historical Materials via “Rescue of Malaysia Chinese Drama Historical Materials Campaign”.

On November 4th, 2020, Mr. Georgijs Dunajevs, University of Würzburg, Germany, gave the lecture on “The Pēteris Šmits Collection of Materials in Chinese and Tibetan in the National Library of Latvia”. At the same day, Dr. Ying-kit Chan, International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden University, the Netherlands, gave the lecture on “Ethnicity and Frontier Studies in Southwest China: Pan-Thai Nationalism and the Wartime Debate on National Identity, 1932–1945”.

On December 3rd, 2020, Dr. Soonbang Oh, Professor of Department of Chinese Language and Literary, Soongsil University, South Korea, gave the lecture on From the “Novel for Enlightenment” to the “Revolution of Novel”: Enlightenment Activities Regarding the Late Qing Novel and the Imagination of Civilized Nation”.

On December 9th, 2020, Dr. Nancy Ann Guy, Professor of Department of Music at University of California, USA, gave the lecture on “Garbage Truck Music and Sustainability in Contemporary Taiwan: From Cockroaches to Beethoven and Beyond”. At the same day, Dr. Evelyn Shih, Assistant Professor of Department of Asian Languages and Civilizations at University of Colorado Boulder, USA, gave the lecture on “Funny Noises: The Audio-Visual Parasite in 1960s Taiwan Cinema”.

On December 15th, 2020, Dr. Jaewoong

Jeon, Social Science Teaching Fellow in the Social Sciences at University of Chicago, USA, gave the lecture on “Sugar Capitalism in Taiwan and Korea: A Historical Observation”. At the same day, Dr. Edgar Zavala-Pelayo, Assistant Professor of Sociological Studies Center at the College of Mexico, gave the lecture on “The Governmentality of the Presbyterian Missions in 19th-century Taiwan”.

On December 25th, 2020, Mr. Ilia Mozias, East Asian Studies at Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel, gave the lecture on “Daoist Internal Alchemy Scripture Jindan Zhenchuan: Dual Cultivation and the Quest for the Sacred”. At the same day, Ms. Caroline Pires Ting, State University of Rio de Janeiro, gave the lecture on “Studying Chinese Art and Poetry in Macau at the Turn of the XIXTH into the XXTH Century”.

## CCS News and Activities

### ■ NCL Invites Foreign Scholars on a Cultural Excursion to Experience Taiwan’s Natural Beauty and Diversity



*A group photo at Heping Island Park.*

To give visiting foreign scholars an opportunity to understand Taiwan’s rich natural scenery and oceanic culture, on October 21, 2020, National Central Library invited recipients the Research Grant for Foreign Scholars in Chinese Studies and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs’ Taiwan Fellowship to attend a cultural excursion. They traveled to Heping Island Park, National Museum of Marine Science and Technology - Regional Exploration Building, an