

# National Central Library

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## **Spotlights**

■ 2021 NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng Is Awarded the "Hsin-Yi Foundation's 33rd Hsin-Yi Special Contribution to Children's Literature Award"

During the 33rd Hsin-Yi Foundation Children's Literature Award ceremony held on April 25, 2021, NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng was awarded a Special Contribution to Children's Literature Award. On the medal it has the words: "Taking Reading Far." These words well depicted what Director-General Tseng's primary concern has been for quite some time, as well as her indomitable spirit in promoting children's literature and reading.



NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng receives Hsin-Yi Foundation's 33rd "Hsin-Yi Special Contribution to Children's Literature Award".

Dr. Tseng's contribution to Children's literature could be traced back to the time when she served as the Director-General of Taipei Public Library. She was the very first library manager who initiated a reading circle and at same time, tried to provide a suitable room for the group since 1987. Thereafter, many libraries followed. Her advocates of reading were both inspirational and encouraging, and has successfully made reading promotion activities rooted within communities. When she became the Director-General of the National Central Library, she urged that static collections should be uncovered and provided for use. To realize this goal, she was very supportive for digitization of rare and important items and then reproduce from digital files for use. Therefore, many important rare books have been republished under collaboration with publishers. For very unique exhibition like the exhibition held by the Fo Guang Shan Monastery to exhibit rare and important Sutra, Director-General Tseng was willing to join the special event, loaning the special item of the genre in NCL to help making the exhibition even more complete. Her other contribution toward children literature including facilitating creation of easy classification scheme for children books, and have been playing instrumental role in facilitating of and leading for Public Library Regional Resource Center. Her tireless endeavors through exercising multidimensional array of leadership for library communities is indeed an immense contribution to not only children literature but also to the whole Taiwan library community. Her been bestowed this honor was well deserved!