

for Public Libraries and the National Libraries in Taiwan to Promote Reading” during the session.

In addition, the National Central Library participated in ALA’s poster session, with a theme of “The 100th Year of the Republic: A Classic Time for Reading — 108 Organizations Promoted Reading Chinese Ancient Classics.” Director-general Tseng was at the booth, explaining the content to visitors and engaging in in-depth interaction and exchange. Former ALA President Barbara J. Ford personally attended NCL’s booth and extended her encouragement. Ms. Ford has visited NCL in the past.

■ ***National Central Library donated books to Rice University to deepen academic exchange***

On the 21st of June 2012, the National Central Library donated to Rice University, commonly known as the Harvard of the South, a number of important Taiwan published Chinese Studies research materials. May this gesture deepen bilateral academic exchange.

The titles of the books donated include “Taiwan Contemporary Writers Research Materials Collection,” “Selected Anthology of Taiwan Poets,” “Republic of China-Post War Era Taiwan Data Compilation: Politics series” and “Privately Owned Republic of China-Post War Era Taiwan Data Collection (politics series, a sequel),” “Taiwan Religions Collection, 1st Series” and “Taiwan Religions Collection: 2nd series.” All in all, there were 200 volumes of 6 categories.



Left to right: Sara Lowman, University Librarian, Fondren Library, Dr. Tani Barlow, Director, Chao Center for Asian Studies, Tseng Shu hsien, Director-general, National Central Library, Dr. George L. McLendon, Howard R. Hughes Provost of Rice University, Representative Liao Dong-zhou, Taipei Economic & Cultural Office in Houston, Wu Shao-fen, Head, Cultural Division, Taipei Economic & Cultural Office in Houston.

Events

■ ***National Central Library Enlivens Taiwan Academies in U.S.: Unraveling I Ching, Enriching References, and Drinking Tea***

To promote the services of the Resource Points in Taiwan Academies and to bring about cultural exchange and scholarly discourse, at the end of June, Director-general of the National Central Library Tseng Shu hsien led a group of library personnel to three Taiwan Academies in the U.S.. The purpose of the trip was to hold “Erudition: An Exhibition on Reading the Ancient Aesthetics of Living,” which will be comprised of lectures on the Book of Changes, an exhibition of ancient Chinese books, and tea sipping activities.

Director-general Tseng stated, the Book of Changes has influenced Chinese intellectual culture for more than 4,000 years. While seemingly abstruse at first glance, it is replete with philosophy that the past generations have put into practice in