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## NCL Publication

### ■ Guidelines for Library Bibliotherapy Services



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Amid rapid developments and changes in society, modern people’s lives are encumbered with unawared pressures and tensions. In the field of libraries, reading promotion services now have emerged a new resolving measure for healing the soul through providing appropriate book resources. This is so-called bibliotherapy services. In considering of the current social developments and the trend for libraries to provide such services, in 2021, the National Central Library invited Professor Chen Su-may Sheih from the Department and Graduate Institute of Library and Information Science of National Taiwan University to develop guidelines on providing bibliotherapy service. The published guidelines include the following sections: The current state of development of library bibliotherapy, basic concepts, service planning and implementation, difficulties and solutions, etc., and three focus group discussions were held to consolidate information, and to summarize actual cases of different types of such services. This is for making libraries and librarians prepared for exercising of bibliotherapy

services in practice. The guidelines specifically explain and describe the significance, types and service approaches of library bibliotherapy services, propose specific suggestions and promotion methods for their planning and implementation, and provide solutions to common difficulties in their promotion. It is believed that this guidelines publication will effectively provide needed essential knowledge and skill for librarians in providing such services.

## 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 a hope 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 20 overseas scholars coming to Taiwan to conduct research for periods of between 1 to 6 months. Besides hosting Academic Seminars for Global Chinese Studies from time to time at which these scholars can present the fruits of their researches, the center also often invites renowned scholars from around the world to visit and deliver lectures. Between April and June, 2022, 6 scholars gave their presentations. Topics and speakers for each session are as follows:

On April 29th, 2022, Mr. Chris K. H. Chan, Ph.D Candidate of Department of Anthropology at UC Berkeley, USA, gave the online lecture on “Art, Anthropology, and the Aesthetic Double: Site and Sight in the Enframing of the Contemporary.”

On May 26th, 2022, Dr. Songjoo Kim, Lecturer of University of Melbourne, Australia, gave the lecture on “Nature and Literature in Song Dynasty China: Dreams of Animals Asking for Help.” At the same day, Ms. Sarah Plovnick, Ph.D Candidate of Department of Anthropology at UC Berkeley, USA, gave the lecture on “Sounding Through the Firewall: A Narrative of Communication Between Modern Taiwan and China.”

On June 17th, 2022, Prof. Brian Vivier, Chinese Studies Librarian & Coordinator for Area Studies Collections, University of Pennsylvania, USA, gave the