

Source	Type	Qty.	Unit	Access Points
NCL-produced	E-books	15,970	Titles	NCL
NCL-produced	E-journals	4,252	Titles	NCL
NCL-produced	E-newspapers	52	Titles	NCL
NCL-produced	Rare books	6,382	Sets	NCL
NCL-produced	Dissertations	76,819	Titles	No usage restrictions
NCL-produced	Local documents	787	Titles	NCL
NCL-produced	reports on overseas assignments	41,788	Titles	No usage restrictions
Subtotal		146,050		

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Free online	E-book websites	34	Sites	No usage restrictions
Free online	E-periodical websites	50	Sites	No usage restrictions
Subtotal		84		

■ Book Boom Magazine Wins Government Publication Award

The National Taichung Library's (NCL) monthly magazine *Book Boom* won the 2006 Outstanding Government Publication Award, marking the second consecutive year the magazine has earned the award. The NCL has published *Book Boom* since 2003 to promote interest in reading. The magazine is aimed at both readers and librarians and presents a mix of local and international perspectives. Its lively and pertinent content has made it a much-loved publication with the reading public.

Book Boom is published on the tenth day of every month. Its content includes sections devoted to cultural events, cover stories, library news, book news

and reading events. The magazine reports on domestic and international public library news and community education topics to increase public awareness and use of libraries, promote reading, and encourage lifelong learning. The NTL also publishes an online version of *Book Boom* at: <http://www.ntl.gov.tw/Publish-List.asp?CatID=10>



Cover photo of Book Boom magazine (Photo provided by National Taichung Library)

Events

■ NCL Offers Training Course on "E-Learning Campus" system

The NCL held a series of courses introducing the library's "E-Learning Campus" system on May 22. The courses, which were open to both librarians and the general public, introduced the programs and operating environment of the E-Learning Campus.

Most of the courses focused on the new E-Learning Campus programs for 2005. The NCL's Ms.

Cheng Pao-mei provided a general overview of the E-Learning Campus system; Director Chou Ching-ju of the Taipei Public Library introduced courses on "Library Promotion and Marketing" and "Utilizing Children's Books and Information"; Mr. Ping Kuei of the Department of Library and Information Science at Fu Jen Catholic University introduced "Multimedia Information Creation and Collection Management"; and Mr. Lin You-jeu of Sun.net introduced the E-Learning Campus functions and learning environment.



Director Chou Ching-ju of the Taipei Public library led a course on "Library Promotion and Marketing." (Photo by Lin Min-hsien)

Ms. Cheng also provided an overview of new courses added to the E-Learning Campus in 2006. These included courses on using the joint catalog resources of NBINet, a guide to the NCL's ISBN Center, an introduction to the NCL's Electronic Thesis and Dissertation System, and basic and advanced courses for librarians serving the general public.

A total of 76 librarians from the NCL and other libraries attended the training program. (Chinese text by Chen Cheng-ju)

■ *Medical Book/CD Donation Drive*

The Ministry of Education (MOE) and Wei Sheng Medical Science Culture and Education Foundation invited Wen Shi-ren Cultural and Education Foundation and civic-minded people to donate sets of the medical book/CD series "Loving Your Body" for community education (service) centers and public libraries. The materials will provide communities with broader access to detailed medical information from experts, supported by multimedia content.

The activity was sponsored by the MOE and organized by the NCL. The donation ceremony was held at the library on September 25, 2006. Present at the ceremony were leading officials of the MOE, representatives of the Wei Sheng foundation and the donors, heads of community education centers, cultural bureau representatives, and library staff and volunteers.



Vice Minister of Education Chou Tsan-teh (third from right) and NCL Director General Juang Fang-rung (second from right) pictured with other dignitaries at the donation ceremony. (Photo by Wen-ying Yen)