popular place for locals to catch up on some recreational reading in a relaxing environment that reflects the local aboriginal cultural in its design, such as the homemade tribal tapestries that adorn the walls. The library also promotes interaction with the community through its website, with introductions to classes, activities and new additions to the library collection, earning it a collective thumbs-up from local readers. (Chinese text by Chung Chih-ming)

■ France in the Spotlight during Tainan Library Reading Activity

The Tainan Municipal Library held the "2006 Joy of Reading in Taiwan" series of activities from October 13 to 15, 2006. The event featured a "French Week" program introducing the literature and urban culture of France. For the event, the library teamed up with the Evergreen Plaza Hotel in Tainan to present demonstrations of fine French cuisine whipped up by a chef from the five-star hotel. The "French Week" activities also included a lecture, exhibition of books on cities, a story train, tour of a three-sided compound house, literary theater, French Painting Contest, reading marathon, and French cuisine tasting. (Chinese text excerpted from the Broadcasting Corporation of China website; By Liu Yi-ling, Sept. 1, 2006)

Seminars

■ The New Era of Information Retrieval

Sponsors: National Taiwan University Medical Library, Wolters Kluwer Health / Ovid Technologies, Inc., Flysheet Information Services

Date: August 25, 2006

Venue: College of Medicine, National Taiwan University

■ Using Large Information and Citation Databases for Evaluation

Keynote speaker: Professor Tefko Saracevic

Sponsors: Library Association of China (Taiwan); Graduate Institute of Library and Information

Science, National Taiwan Normal University

Supported by: National Central Library

Date: August 28, 2006

Venue: National Central Library

■ WEB 2.0 International Seminar

Sponsor: Ministry of Economic Affairs Organizer: Institute for Information Industry

Date: September 26-27, 2006

Venue: Taipei International Convention Center

■ 2006 Annual Meeting of the Digital Dissertation Consortium

Sponsors: National Chengchi University Library; Computing Center, Academia Sinica; Interlibrary Cooperation Promotion Committee, Interlibrary Cooperation Association

Date: October 27, 2006

Venue: National Chengchi University

■ University Librarian Careers: Experience, Observations and Views

Keynote speaker: Prof. Fan Hao-ying

Date: October 31, 2006

Venue: Providence University Luking Library