

assistance from the University of Hong Kong Libraries, the NCL visitors then went to the library's Special Collections department to learn about regulations on general reader access to collection resources and the collection environment for oral records. (Chinese text by Huang Wen-te)



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### ***Taipei Public Library Introduces "My Librarian" Information Service***

The Taipei Public Library (TPL) launched a personalized information service called "My Librarian" in January 2007. For a small fee, readers can request a print out of information sources compiled by a TPL librarian based on their specific area of need.

The TPL handles more than 2,000 information service requests every month. The library has found that despite the availability of online resources, many readers do not know how to access such resources and therefore require human assistance in their

information searches. The My Librarian service is aimed at meeting this need.

My Librarian comprises two types of personalized service. One is a new knowledge reporting system, including reports of new books in areas of a reader's particular interest, summarized information on special topics, and a news clipping service. The other is a research information service system, including library use and specialized study research information services.

The new book notification service is free and an NT\$30 fee is charged for book and periodical thesis information, specialized information and newspaper clipping services. The library-use research information service costs NT\$300, and the specialized research service costs NT\$500. Readers can request weekly, monthly or quarterly reports. With the research information service, a librarian will first guide the reader on a virtual search to help him or her find the information they need.

Readers can apply for the service online at the library website ([www.tpml.edu.tw](http://www.tpml.edu.tw)) or by calling (02) 27553554. (Chinese text excerpted from the United Daily News 2006/12/26)

### ***Mobile "Book Box" Service Opens in Nantou***

The Cultural Bureau of the Nantou County Government kicked off a "book box" mobile book loan service on January 10, 2007, adding a welcome new resource for readers in the county. Arranged with assistance from the National Taichung Library and a Nantou County 921 Earthquake relief account, the service makes 240 boxes of high-quality books available to schools, kindergartens, daycare centers, and community reading clubs in Nantou County. There are currently 60 boxes of books each at Cultural