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Proposals presented at the seminar included enhancing book review and bibliography reports and focusing on special reporting in these areas as a distinguishing trait of the magazine. It was also suggested that special bibliographies based on publishing industry trends be included in the magazine and that a committee composed of experts from various fields be formed to select recommended books; and that proletarian positions, originality of opinion and specialization be considered in book reviews. It was further proposed that every year the magazine include at least four special research reports, and that in addition to introducing new books the magazine could recommend outstanding publications for joint promotion with private groups, such as the National Teachers' Association of the ROC.



*Library, reader and book review meeting (Photo by Pinery S. Wu)*

### ■ *Web Archives and Services Lecture*

The NCL hosted a lecture on "Web Archives and Services" on February 5, 2007. The keynote speakers were Dr. Chen Chao-chen of the Graduate Institute of Library & Information Studies at National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU) and Mr. Chen Ya-ning of the Computing Centre, Academia Sinica. They addressed topics related to the hot issue of web archives. In conjunction with the launch of the "Humanities Web Archive Project" this year, the lectures looked at the experience of other countries in web archiving. NTNU's Dr. Chen introduced Australia's Pandora Web Archive project, including project progress, objectives, history, cooperative organizations, archiving strategies, policies and guidelines, web cataloging, system architecture, and work flow. Academic Sinica's Mr. Chen spoke on the "Development Status of Web Archiving, introducing such related issues as terminology, current status, principles, responsibility, selection, collecting, description, rights management, and bit-level preservation.

Web archiving has become a central topic in digital archiving in recent years. The NCL has also been exerting considerable effort in the archiving of national publications. In addition to collecting domestically published books, periodicals and audio-visual resources, the library is formulating strategies for archiving web resources, with an initial emphasis on humanities-related resources. The library aims to archive the information of 300 websites this year. (Chinese text by Tsai Pei-ling)

### ■ *World Book Day Activities*

Taiwan celebrated UN-established World Book

Day (April 23, 2007) with a series of fun activities to promote interest in reading. The Library Association of the Republic of China (Taiwan), Taiwan Reading Association and Taipei Public Library jointly organized a "Rock Your Life with Reading" event at Daan Forest Park in Taipei on April 21. The day's activities included an oral reading marathon with family reading events and poetry readings in various languages by native speakers of various languages. There was also a book parade joined by groups from neighboring schools and organizations, and some of the participants came dressed as fairy tale figures during the reading carnival.

#### ■ *Linnei Township Promotes Reading Diversity*

Students of Linchung Elementary School in Linnei Township learned about the development of books, from early bamboo slip volumes to modern publications, during a workshop activity on April 30, 2007. Under the guidance of an instructor from the Linnei Reading Club, the Linchung Elementary students also tried their hand at Chinese knot art, helping them understand early methods of making bamboo slip books.

In order to promote reading diversity, Linnei Township arranges workshops for children at the township library every Monday. During the workshops, the children can see displays of specialty products from Linnei, such as loofah, papaya, and tea, as well as engage in various DIY activities aimed at building awareness of local industries, culture and agricultural products. By joining reading with hands-on activities, the students are able to deepen their understanding in a fun and engaging way.

#### ■ *Asustek CEO Donates New Library to Alma Mater in Changhua*

Changhua Senior High School opened a new library this March with the help of an NT\$12.4 million donation from Asustek Computer CEO Jonney Shih, an alumnus of the school. Modeled after the upscale bookstore chain Eslite, the library covers an area of about 1,000 square meters on the seventh floor of the school's administration building. Library director Lu Sing-chung, who encouraged Shih to support the project, said that students help to manage the six areas of the library under a foster system. Student volunteers that rank high in the annual performance assessment are awarded prizes.

In early March, the library hosted the National Museum of Taiwan Literature's touring exhibition, "When We Were Young: An Exhibition of Authors' Photographs."

#### ■ *Tainan Library Displays Top-ranked Books for Young Readers*

The Tainan Municipal Library (TML) teamed up with the Taipei Public Library, Mandarin Daily News and other organizations to organize a display of books recommended last year for children and adolescents. The exhibition was hosted at the TML on April 15 to May 18, 2007.

With new books coming out at an ever-faster pace, parents often find themselves at a loss when trying to select books to nurture their children's interest in reading. The TML and Mandarin Daily News therefore regularly commission panels of experts to sift through the deluge and compile lists of good books for young readers.

The book selection activity has been held twice a year for 17 years, providing an invaluable guide for