

The NCL also hosted a booth at the fair. Despite the drizzle over 500 people visited the display to learn more about the library's services. NCL staff handed out souvenir items as prizes for people participating in a Q&A activity. Library publications, video presentations introducing the library, online games and souvenir stamps further generated visitor interest in the NCL display.

Fairgoers also had an opportunity to tour the Presidential Office Building. The first floor corridor and exhibition hosted a "Special Exhibition on Taiwan Public Libraries in the New Century: Taiwan Is A Book Country." The NCL provided historic photographs with introductory captions to teach the public about the development achievements and cultural traits of the library. (Chinese text by Kao Te-er)



Visitors crowded to the NCL booth for a Q&A prize giveaway. (Photo provided by Kao Te-er)

National Open University Donates Textbooks to Libraries

National Open University announced that it

would donate textbooks for general entrance examinations to cash-strapped township and city public libraries in order to broaden access to these publications. The university distributes more than 200,000 textbooks annually, including a large number of books designated for preparation in entrance exams.

Sanchong Opens Toy Library

Taipei County's first toy library opened on November 8 at the South District Library in Sanchong City. The 66-square meter library has 247 new toys available for use by children in the city, including intelligent toys, puzzles, building blocks, language-related toys, science toys, and infant toys. Library users can borrow toys just like books by presenting their library card or personal ID card.

Hsuan Chuang University Opens Fully Automated Library

Hsuan Chuang University in Hsinchu City opened Taiwan's first "intelligent unstaffed library," enabling university staff with IC cards to borrow and return books without ever interfacing with a human being. The library will even automatically print out a list of items borrowed and returned.

Established at a cost of NT\$5 million, the intelligent library is open 24 hours and has a collection of about 50,000 books, mainly titles needed by teachers of the College of Management, College of Social Sciences, and Law School. The collection will be updated every three years. The new library is