

collection of books on mainland China, including years of source material on the Communist Party of China (CPC). The library has over 50,000 volumes categorized according to the Chinese Classification Scheme into general, philosophy, religion, natural science, applied science, social science, history and geography, language, and art books. The collection encompasses both works published in the mainland (including Hong Kong), as well as research materials on China published domestically and abroad.

The library collection also includes 50 periodical titles, including 36 from mainland China, 10 from Hong Kong, and four from Taiwan. In future, the library will further expand the collection scope with monthly journals on various military issues. The library also provides access to 10 e-papers, including four from Hong Kong and six from mainland China.

■ *Nantou County Library Holds Sports Themed Book Fair*

In conjunction with the 2008 National Middle School Athletic Games in mid-April, the library of the Nantou County Cultural Affairs Bureau Library organized a two-month sports-themed book fair through the end of April. The activity aimed to help county residents learn more about sports and generate enthusiasm for the athletic games.

The bureau library noted that it holds monthly book fairs on different themes to present cultural diversity. Over the years it has held such activities on the themes of children's books, France, travel, the benefits of reading, and family reading.

■ *Mobile Library Brings Books to Remote Communities in Changhua County*

The Changhua County Cultural Affairs Bureau and Mingdao University officially

inaugurated a mobile library service on March 19, 2008, making it easier for people living in remote areas of Changhua County to access good books. This is the first such service in Taiwan to provide books on loan from a university library collection. In addition to making fuller use of the library's collection, the service helps to promote reading at a grassroots community level. Library staff drive the bookmobile to township libraries in Changhua every Wednesday afternoon for book lending and other related cultural and artistic activities.

■ *Book Sharing Program Gives Students Access to Bestsellers*

Chienkuo Technology University organized a best-selling book fair at Yuanlin Vocational High School on March 13, 2008, as part of program to promote resource sharing among general and occupational high schools in Taichung, Changhua, and Nantou counties. The students were excited to be able to access popular books unavailable from the school library. Lugang Township Library set up a special section at the fair with nearly 200 books about Lugang to help students writing papers about the township. The touring exhibition will continue to May 22 this year.

Resource sharing is a good way to give budget-strapped high schools access to the new books so their students can keep abreast of the latest information.

■ *Cheng Kung University Holds Vietnam Culture Week*

The Vietnamese Students Union at National Cheng Kung University organized its annual "Vietnam Culture Week" activity from March 18 to 23, 2008, at the university library. The event included an exhibition of Vietnamese artifact, showings of Vietnamese movies, and a Vietnamese

food fair. Post-movie discussions were also arranged to further introduce Vietnamese culture and clear up misperceptions about Vietnam. Displays of traditional Vietnamese clothing and dance were also among the week's activities.

■ *Kaohsiung Public Library Promotes Early Reading*

The Kaohsiung Public Library (KPL) kicked off a "Loving Libraries" activity on March 29, 2008, to encourage reading by preschool-age children. As part of the activity, the library will provide 1,000 "good fortune bags" to families with young children.

With support from Aichih Books, a total of 1,000 sets of children's books will be given away each year to 200 low-income households and aboriginal families with three-year olds. The KPL will train 50 volunteers and cooperate with the Council of Indigenous Peoples to distribute the books to families and provide service support to help bridge the learning divide in Taiwan.

■ *Kaohsiung County Government and NPUE Launch Mobile Library*

At the end of March 2007, National Pingtung University of Education (NPUE) established a book mobile service in collaboration with the Kaohsiung County Government to give elementary school children in remote areas of Taiwan access to a broader range of reading materials. Under the service, called the "Cultivating Childhood Reading Mobile Library," NPUE Library delivers a set of books to schools every two months on a revolving basis. The library categorizes books and has established a digital system to make it easier for schools to borrow and return books. It has also established a website for readers to share their thoughts.

The mobile library program kicked off its second period on March 24 with a ceremony held at Cishan Elementary School. A total of 40 schools are participating in the second-period service, up from 20 in the first period, including 20 schools each in Kaohsiung County and Pingtung County. The service has also grown in terms of books available, from 7,000 volumes initially to over 8,500 volumes in the second phase. Funding for the books is provided by NPUE's educational fund and revolving subsidies.

Seminars

■ *2008 E-Publishing Action Year Forum*

Session 1: Digitization Cooperation Projects: Digital Archives, E-Publishing, and Mobile Reading

Organizer: Chinese Book Marketing Development Association

Date: April 21, 2008

Venue: Taipei Pompidou International Convention Center

■ *Scholarly Communication and National Competitiveness Forum (Third of Series)*

Organizers: Commercial Times; Graduate Institute of Library & Information Studies and Library, National Taiwan Normal University; Library Association of the Republic of China (Taiwan)

Date: April 21, 2008

Venue: National Taiwan Normal University Library Conference Room

■ *Collaboration—New Cooperation Visions in the World of Border-less Knowledge*

Organizer: Taipei Public Library

Date: April 25, 2008

Venue: Taipei Public Library