

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