

(Würzburg Public Library), shared her experience in managing public libraries in a keynote speech on "Doing Right in the Right Way: Success Strategies for Public Libraries."

Dr. Vogt described how libraries can reposition and win back readers, drawing on the example of the Stadtbücherei Würzburg, which has won multiple awards, including Germany's 2003 Library Award. She emphasized the importance of staff enthusiasm and initiative in moving libraries forward. Libraries should design reader-oriented activities and place the operational focus on readers and library personnel. Dr. Vogt also introduced activities at her library to promote reading and education, approaches to building a good image, network establishment, cooperation with different types of partners and educational institutions, and activities aimed at different age groups.

#### ■ *AIT Inaugurates "American Shelf" in Kaohsiung*

The Kaohsiung Branch of the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) unveiled an "American Shelf" at the Baochu Branch of the Kaohsiung Public Library. Director Stephen M. Young of AIT Kaohsiung, Vice Mayor Chiu Tai-shan, and Kaohsiung Public Library Director Shih Chun-fu jointly presided at the opening ceremony.

The Shelf introduces users to American society and culture via its collection of books, pamphlets, and DVDs covering topics on American culture and society, American history, and travel to the USA, and through various speaker and cultural activities. Additionally, it features an online student advising program, which connects students in Kaohsiung with advisors in Taipei who can answer questions about study in the U.S.

## Seminars

#### ■ *International Symposium on Innovation Leadership and E-Learning 2.0*

Organizer: Industrial Development Bureau, Ministry of Economic Affairs

Date: October 2 to 3, 2008

Venue: National Taiwan University

#### ■ *Adolescent Literacy: Reading for Understanding*

Organizers: Taiwan Reading Association; Taipei Public Library

Date: October 18 to 19, 2008

Venue: Taipei Public Library Main Branch

#### ■ *2008 TANET Symposium*

Organizer: Computer Center, Ministry of Education

Date: October 20 to 22, 2008

Venue: I-Shou University

#### ■ *Symposium on Digital Archives and Geography Information Systems*

Organizers: Project of Academic and Social Promotions and Applications for Digital Archives and E-learning—Geography Information Applications Sub-project; Department of Geography, National Taiwan University

Date: October 21, 2008

Venue: National Taiwan University Library

#### ■ *2008 Digital Dissertation Consortium Annual Meeting and Symposium on Information Services for Academic Communities in the Web 2.0 Era*

