

(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*



Organizer: Library and Information Services Office, Yuan Ze University; Taiwan University Library

Date: October 24, 2008

Venue: Yuan Ze University

■ *International Symposium on Buddhist Documents and Literature*

Organizer: Department of Literature, Nanhua University

Date: October 24 to 25, 2008

Venue: Literature Department, Nanhua University

■ *2008 CONCERT Electronic Resources and Consortia*

Date: November 12 to 13, 2008

Venue: Institute of Applied Mechanics, National Taiwan University

■ *2008 Library Summit—Libraries of the Future*

Organizers: Library Association of the Republic of China (Taiwan); National Central Library (NCL)

Date: November 14, 2008

Venue: National Taiwan University Hospital

■ *International Conference on Information Capital, Property, and Ethics—2008 SHU Taipei (ICPE)*

Organizer: Department of Information and Communications, Shih Hsin University

Date: November 21, 2008

Venue: Shih Hsin University

■ *Library Services in the Age of E-Learning*

Organizer: Jinwen University of Science and Technology Library

Date: November 26, 2008

Venue: Jinwen University of Science and Technology

■ *2008 Symposium on Buddhist Studies Methodologies and Online Resources*

Organizer: Buddhist Digital Library and Museum Project, National Taiwan University Library; Center for Buddhist Studies, National Taiwan University

Date: December 13, 2008

Venue: Taiwan University Library Conference Hall

■ *2009 Digital Archives and E-learning Conference*

Organizer: International Collaboration and Promotion of Taiwan E-learning and Digital Archives Program

Date: February 23 to 25, 2009

Venue: Joint Library of Humanities and Social Sciences, Academia Sinica Conference Hall

CCS News and Activities

■ *CCS Visiting Scholars Attend National Day Banquet*

The ROC Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) held a banquet at the Taipei Guest House in celebration of the 2008 National Day. In order to strengthen international academic and cultural exchanges, the National Central Library made arrangements with MOFA to invite visiting scholars at the Center for Chinese Studies (CCS) to join the grand event. The invitation also gave the visitors a rare chance to see the Taipei Guest House, a grade one historic site normally closed to the public.

The visiting scholars attending the banquet were Prof. David Holm of the Asia Institute at the University of Melbourne, Australia; Prof. Jon