

Archives Program

Date: February 23-27, 2009

Venue: Academia Sinica

■ *Symposium on Sharing "New Resources and New Knowledge"*

Organizer: Meiho Institute of Technology Library

Co-organizers: National Kaohsiung University of Applied Sciences Library; Southern Taiwan University of Technology Library; Tzu Hui Institute of Technology Library

Date: March 6, 2009

Venue: Meiho Institute of Technology

■ *Library Information Promotion Workshop: Building Innovation in the E-generation*

Organizer: Soochow University Library

Co-organizer: National Taipei University Library; Interlibrary Cooperation Association

Date: March 13, 2009

Venue: Soochow University

■ *2009 Interlibrary Cooperation Association 2nd Meeting*

Organizer: Interlibrary Cooperation Association

Co-organizer: Chang Jung Christian University Library

Date: March 27, 2009

Venue: Chang Jung Christian University

■ *2009 Seminar on "Libraries and the Information Society"*

Organizer: Department of Library and Information Science, Fu Jen Catholic University; Fu Jen Catholic University Library

Date: May 7-8, 2009

Venue: Fu Jen Catholic University

News from Taiwan Libraries

■ *CCU Library Takes VOD into the YouTube Age*

Chinese Culture University (CCU) Library is

the first library in Taiwan to bring audio-visual library resources into the YouTube age. The library has anted up about NT\$10 million to distribute nearly 1,000 videos from its "One Class a Week" symposiums to the public through the popular video-sharing service. The video's became accessible around-the-clock from October 2, 2008, with classes on everything from music to literature. In addition to expanding access to these educational resources, the YouTube-distributed videos will increase traffic flow through YouTube, representing a win-win situation for CCU, YouTube, and Google.

■ *Zhongnan Market to Open E-Library*

Zhongnan Market in Taipei City plans to open an e-library, creating a new and comfortable reading space for the public. Located on the market's third floor, the 541-square-meter library will provide digital reading facilities and multipurpose reading areas for children. There are currently two fully automated e-libraries in Taipei City, including one at the Ximen MRT Station and the other at the Carrefour in Neihu. The Carrefour e-library is stocked mainly with books for women and children to match the customer demographics of the store.

■ *Food Culture in Focus at New Liuhe Branch of the Taipei Public Library*

The Taipei Public Library (TPL) inaugurated its Liuhe Branch Library at an opening ceremony on November 22, 2008. The nearly 1,650-square-meter library houses a collection of some 40,000 books. Since the area around the library is a magnet for snack shops and restaurants, the collection includes over 200 volumes on food culture. The Liuhe Branch was originally planned in 1995 and construction started in 1998. The library was completed in November 2008, making it the 41st branch in the TPL system.

■ *AIT Opens American Shelf in Taoyuan County*

The Public Affairs Section of the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) and the Taoyuan County Government unveiled an "American Shelf" in Taoyuan County on December 9, 2008. The opening ceremony was co-hosted by the AIT Public Affairs Section and Taoyuan County Government in the Taoyuan County English Village. This is the third American Shelf to open in Taiwan following similar areas in Kaohsiung City and Yilan City. Located in the Chungli Village and Happy English Village, the American Shelf program provides students of the two English villages direct access to resources on the United States

Under the partnership between AIT and the Taoyuan County Government, AIT will purchase new books, pamphlets, and DVDs for inclusion in the American Shelf's collection on selected topics, including American culture, history, English teaching, geography, and materials on democracy

■ *Taichung County Tests Out Wireless Mobile Library Service*

On December 16, 2008, Daya Township Hall in Taichung County held a ceremony for the trial launch of a wireless mobile library service. At the ceremony, laptop computers and wireless networking equipment were presented to Daya Township Hall library, Shengang Township Hall library, Tanxiu Junior High School Library and Neipu Elementary School Library. Libraries in Taichung County are introducing wireless service in conjunction with a national policy to upgrade public service quality through e-systems. The wireless service will enable greater mobility for library personnel and readers in such tasks as updating book information, checking book inventories, managing book returns, compiling information, searching collections, and accessing the internet.



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