

TV services are applied at NCL, including flashback querying of digital content, multichannel meaning comparison searching, video on-demand, and so on.

### ■ *Visit of libraries in Shenzhen and Hong Kong*

NCL Arts and Audiovisual Center will open “comics museum” on February 23, 2010. Deputy Director-general Wu Yingmei and Yan Wenying visited Shenzhen library (the first library in China to adopt DILAS system and RFID technology), Shenzhen Library of Science and Technology, Shenzhen Children’s Library, Run Run Shaw Library at City University of Hong Kong (adopts selfcheck system), Hong Kong Central Library from December 20 to December 24, 2009, to exchange experiences with librarians, understand RFID technology and possible difficulties Arts and Audiovisual Center might encounter in the future. Through field observations and interviews with library professionals, NCL learns library-related technology and collects useful information to promote the museum and improve its operations.



*Shenzhen Children's Library*

### ■ *Symposium on Digital Archiving and Digital Publishing*

The National Taichung Library and Digital Knowledge Economic Association of Taichung jointly held two symposiums on innovative application services for digital libraries in the new century on December 3 and December 10,

2009. Other co-organizers of the event included the Industrial Support Division of the Institute for Information Industry, the Library Association of the Republic of China (Taiwan), and the Taiwan Digital Publishing Forum. The symposiums were attended by an estimated 100 librarians and representatives of information service providers, IT hardware companies, digital publishers, digital content providers, and faculty and students of library and information science departments and schools.

The main topics presented at the symposiums were: Innovative Applications and Added-value Collection Business Opportunities for Digital Libraries; Innovative E-Reading Service; and A Study of User-oriented and Knowledge-based E-books Functions: Popular Faith and Local Culture E-Books in Taiwan, Technological Developments in the E-book Industry, the Current Status and Future of reading.udn.com, and the Business Model and Outlook for Chunghwa Telecom's Hami Bookstore service.

### ■ *Conference on Library Development and Evaluation*

The National Central Library (NCL) and National Taipei University held a conference on library development and evaluation on December 8, 2009, at the NCL. This conference discusses the applications of balanced scorecard in library evaluation to find a set of evaluation tools as the



*Director-general Karl Min Ku (second from left) and main speaker, Director Wang Yixin (first from left), Professor Chen Zhaozhen (first from right), Professor Chen Xuehua (second from right)*

reference for future strategic planning. National Central Library Director-general Karl Min Ku and National Taipei University president Wang Yixin gave talks on “library development and evaluation”. Professor Chen Xuehua from National Taiwan University, Wang Yixin from National Taipei University, and NCL Director-general Karl Min Ku discussed and exchange opinions on three topics, “the trend of library development”, “library evaluation”, and “cases of library evaluation”.

### ■ *2009 Library Association of the Republic of China annual meeting and 51th general meeting*

2009 Library Association of the Republic of China (Taiwan) (LAROC) annual meeting was held on December 11 to December 13, 2009, at the National Central Library. A conference for library and information science thesis award was held on December 11. The 51th general meeting of members of the LAROC was held on December 12. A conference on library and information science was held on December 13. President Zhan Hongzhi of PChome Online Inc. and Dr. Ko Hwawei of National Central University gave lectures at the conference. 21 companies participated in the exhibition and more than 500 people attended the conference.

Five round-table groups, university library, specialized library, public library, high school library, elementary school library, were built to discuss problems and development of different types of libraries to understand the current situations of various libraries. The results of the discussion will be provided to Ministry of Education, National Central Library, etc., as the reference for improving and developing library business. (Chinese text by Peng Wei)

### ■ *Conference on Digital Publications and Digital Reading*

National Central Library (NCL), Library Association of the Republic of China, Chinese

Association of Library and Information Science Education (CALISE), ROC Interlibrary Cooperation Association, and Information Technology Management Association jointly held a conference on digital publications and digital reading on January 13, 2010, at NCL. Library and information sector, digital publishing industry, government agencies, students and teachers attended the conference. NCL Director-general Karl Min Ku gave a lecture on, “e Promotion: establishing national digital archives and building the world-level digital service”. Other lecture topics include: development strategy of digital publishing industry and action plan, permanent collection program of digital publication, current situation and development trend of digital publishing, and index to Taiwan periodical literature system. Participants discussed topics on e-books ISBN, e-books format, e-books reading, dissemination of e-books and so on. This conference aims to introduce the current situation of digital publication, promote digital learning, and encourage the interaction among government agencies, digital publishing industry, and the library and information sectors.

### ■ *Forum: When Libraries Meet E-Books*

National Central Library, Government Information Office (Taiwan), Library Association of the Republic of China, American Institute in Taiwan, National Taiwan University Library, National Taiwan Normal University Library jointly held a forum, “when libraries meet e-books” during the 2010 Taipei International Book Exhibition on January 27, 2010. Issues discussed in the forum include, library e-book services provided by the U.S. publishing industry (Tom Allen, President/CEO of the Association of American Publishers, Inc), challenges of e-book services to libraries (Susan Hildreth, City Librarian, Seattle Public Library), e-book services in libraries (Tsai Peiling from National Central Library, Zhan Liping from National Chung Hsing University, Lai Zhongqin from National Taichung Library, Ye Junchao from