

■ *National Taichung Library opens mini-libraries*

National Taichung Library opened mini-libraries at the Taichung Railway Station, China Medical University Hospital, and Taichung Hospital on January 15, 2010. People with library cards can check out and return books in the above three places. People can check out two books once and have to return books in 30 days. The mini-libraries open 24 hours a day.

■ *Storytelling Master Mike Lockett comes to Taiwan to tell stories*

Dr. Michael Lockett, a world-renowned storyteller and a champion of the national storytelling contest for three consecutive years in the U.S., came to National Central Library, Taiwan branch, to tell stories on January 24, 2010. He used to be a primary and secondary school teacher, principal, dean of studies, and other positions. He has a 30 year of rich educational experience. Dr. Lockett found that listening to stories helps

cultivate the ability to listen and express, enrich people's minds, enhance memory and imagination, regardless of the age of the audience. Dr. Lockett believes that everyone has a heart of a child which can be awakened by stories. Thus, he commits his life to story-telling to promote the concept of "enriching the classroom through stories". He has been invited to tell stories in the U.S. and other countries, using voice, facial expression, body movements, singing, and playing instruments to make stories alive. (Chinese text from the website of National Central Library, Taiwan branch)



A view of storytelling activity



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