

“smart manless” branch at the Banqiao train station. The branch sorts books in the bookstore way, and public can borrow and return books with the “EasyCard” themselves.

In a similar effort to promote reading, a well-known bookstore has opened a branch at Zhonghe’s Global Mall. The store is set up with a reading area and is organized like a library, with computers for making search queries. All these services make people feels like walking into a library in this bookstore.

### ■ *The series lecture of “Taiwan Study” in National Taiwan Library*

Lecture topics for January through April included “An Examination of Taiwan’s Academic Experience,” “Breaking the Code of Taiwan’s History with Western Maps,” “The Beauty of Taiwan’s Traditional Music,” and



“How Helpful Were The Dutch on Taiwan?—The Historical Memory and Experience of Taiwan’s Aborigines.” (Chinese text from the website of NCL, Taiwan branch)

### ■ *2010 Good Books Reading Event*

The “Good Books Reading Event” was started in 1991 by the *Min Sheng Bao* newspaper in conjunction with the ROC Children’s Literature Association. The event aims to promote the writing and publishing of good books for children, provide libraries with new publishing information, establish a system of evaluating books for youth, and encourage an atmosphere of reading. Furthermore, generating a new collaborative record for children’s media also serves to promote the creation of superior-quality materials for young readers. This year’s primary organizing agencies were the Taipei Municipal Library, the Mandarin Daily News, and Linking Books Publishing Co.; National Taichung Library was a facilitating organizer. The exhibit ran from 23 April to 23 May. (Chinese text from the website of NCL, Taiwan branch)



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