



Vice President Vincent Siew(front row right 3), Director general Tseng(back row left 2), and TDPF President Fei-Peng Ho(front row left 3), together with 8 other people, enable the website of "1000 Must-Reads from the Last 100 Years".

and TDPF signed a cooperative agreement wherein NCL would provide all the public-domain books needed and TDPF would then send a team to the library to scan and digitize the books. According to the cooperative agreement, TDPF agrees to give a copy of the e-books produced to NCL for archival and use. NCL can then make these available to library users to borrow online. The project ran from May 24 to August 22, during which NCL provided 194 titles (407 volumes) of books in the public domain for TDPF to digitize. NCL has plans to continue working with TDPF. On September 29 a combined press conference and reading day was held. The activity will showcase scholars and experts who will introduce the various books recommended, as well as important books on the guided-reading list. It is hope that this activity will encourage the public to read more and to promote a new renaissance of e-reading.

■ ***A New Mission: NCL's E-reading Booth***

Providing knowledge services is at the core of modern libraries, and quick and convenient knowledge access has long been one of NCL's goals. In the wake of the information revolution,

the digitization of traditional paper-based books has been a common trend in e-reading, which in itself has already become an important aspect of knowledge services. As such, NCL has designed a Reading Booth in its main hall to allow patrons experience the newest trends in reading. It provides the most diverse array of readers and content and is oriented around three themes: promote e-reading, e-book content display, and mobile e-reading experience. Patrons can read e-newspapers, e-books, e-magazines, including 21 e-books made by NCL and the Taipei Cultural Center. In addition, there are also other interactive activities, such as memory puzzle and DIY postcards. The e-reading experience even extends to over 10,000 e-books (Chinese and foreign language) online.

NCL's E-reading Booth officially opened on June 3. The Government Information Office was invited to attend, along with the Research Development and Evaluation Committee, the Institute for Information Industry, and many representatives from the digital publishing industry. The same day, borrowing services began where patrons could checkout an e-reading device for use anywhere in the library.



Patrons experience digital reading in E-reading Booth.