

in poetry. These will fill up the map of Taiwan, showing how much literary creations have developed in Taiwan. It will also make apparent the various styles and content of poems on cities and schools.

2. Searching, to Share and Ask after Poetry

Time: April 23

Venue: Various locations throughout Taiwan.

NCL and the Experimental Elementary School at the Taipei Municipal University of Education invite elementary students to recite poetry and tell stories as a way to celebrate World Book Day and promote various forms of literature. NCL and Chunghua Telecom have teamed up to text a poem to the public between April 21 and 23.

A letter has been sent out to all junior high and elementary schools encouraging teachers to read a poem to students on April 23 and to have students write down a poem to share with their parents after school. This way, on World Book Day the entire island will be filled with the sounds of poetry describing the achievements of its rich and warm culture.

3. Searching, for 99 Ways to Read Poetry: A Display of Multimedia Poetry

Time: April 21 at 2: 00 and 7: 00 pm.

Venue: National Central Library's Auditorium.

Many renowned poets, authors, actors, and musicians have been invited to share their interpretations of poetry through plays, multimedia presentations, speeches, and songs. The Minister of Education and other high ranking officials have also been invited.

Activities for Spring Poetry Reading Day:

1. Ode to Spring: Lectures Series on the Beauty of Reading Poetry.

Time: February through April 30, every other Saturday or Sunday from 2-5 p.m..

Venue: National Central Library's International Conference Hall.

2. Ode to Spring: Circuit Lecture Series on the Beauty of Reading Poetry and Melding Music with Poetry.

Time: April to June.

Venue: Public and school libraries throughout Taiwan.

For this circuit tour of lectures, many famous poets and scholars have been invited to give 40 speeches at over 25 public libraries or schools, providing the public and students with an opportunity to experience the texture and depth of poetry.

A unique lecture series will be held in major cities throughout Taiwan on poetry with musical accompaniment. This combination of poetry and music will give poets a chance to dialog and the public a chance to experience poetry in a new way, resulting in increased interest in poetry and a desire to learn the terse nature of poetic expression.

3. Searching, the Myriad Forms of Poetry: An Exhibit of Anthologies, Manuscripts, and Ancient Books.

Time: April 14 to May 5.

Venue: National Central Library's Exhibition Room.

On display are many ancient anthologies from NCL's special collections, as well as new style poetry, manuscripts, and anthologies written during the early days of the Republic (1911), from NCL, publishers and private collectors.

■ ***Keep Your Eyes Open for Rare Books Exhibition at TIBE 2012***

In order to promote "green reading," so that the general public, through sharing in the profound collection of the national treasures, can have a closer look at the interesting daily life of the ancient literati, the National Central Library organized with Taipei Book Fair Foundation, an ancient documents exhibition under the theme: "Leisurely traveling the universe: Ming Dynasty literati's way of Living."

The activity will exhibit 28 titles, a total of 51 volumes of Ming Dynasty rare books which contain 7 titles of rarely existing unique copies. These are ranked as "important ancient objects" level by the Council of Cultural Affairs. This is the first time these ancient documents make their



*President Ma (2nd from right), Director-general Tseng (center).*

public appearance outside the NCL.

The exhibition will be divided into 4 themes: literati's leisure life, drama and literature, health conception, and embracing all natures, displaying the works of Ming scholars' reading taste, respect for nature, and emphasis on life, which is very much close to the contemporary concept of green living.

Meanwhile, for the service of readers of different ages, and providing researchers with easy channel to appreciate the wisdom of the ancients, this event will also be equipped with the e-readers to allow the public to enjoy the real-time viewing of the leisurely life of Ming Dynasty scholars. And during the exhibition, we will arrange experts in the Book Fair venue to guide and explain the exposition.



*The ancient documents exhibition.*

The exhibition hopes that through these ancient books and documents, we learn how to explore the joys of life, particularly through the bibliophile community to observe the Ming Dynasty scholars' lifestyle and recreational life.

### ■ *National Central Library Attends Activities at 20th Taipei International Book Exhibition in 2012*

The theme for National Central Library's exhibition was E-Reading: Turning Libraries Green. With a classically designed exhibit, NCL provided the best e-reading experience by showcasing a contrast between ancient and modern, and by allowing visitors to experience green trends in a simplified environment. The designed was based on NCL's E-reading Booth and shared the following e-publications and other collections via touch-screen computers and iPads:

1. E-Publications Platform System: National Central Library's E-Publication Platform System (EPS) acquires and archives e-books from publishers, government agencies, and individuals. It also allows users to search and read these e-books.
2. Theme-based Interactive Experiences with NCL's Digital Collections: Building on the foundations of NCL's digital collections and bringing together cultural knowledge and an interactive experience, Memory Puzzle challenged patron's memory skills by using exquisite illustrations from rare Chinese books. Characters from the past showcased pictures, letters, and historical audio-video footage of several famous persons, giving users an up-close and personal look at their lives.
3. E-magazines: NCL provides many popular magazines, such as Acer Walking Library, MagV, UDN, and Yimei. Content covers literature and the arts, culture and life, language learning, environment and medicine, business and economics, digital information, popular