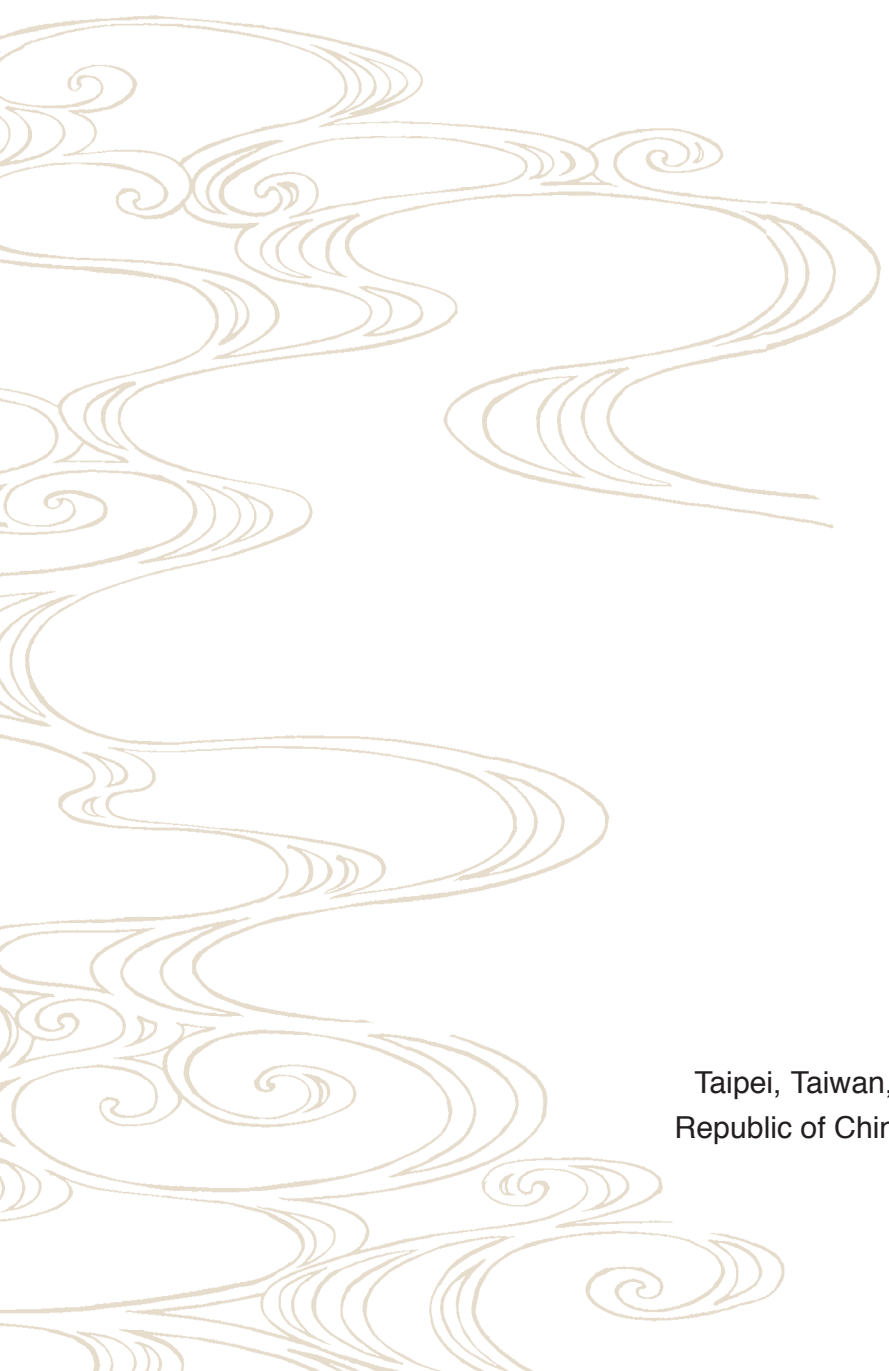




National Central Library



Taipei, Taiwan,
Republic of China



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Missions and Management Concepts

National Central Library (NCL) is the sole national library of Taiwan. Its mission is to acquire, organize, and archive all publications in Taiwan; preserve culture, promote scholarship; research, initiate, and guide the development of all libraries in Taiwan. The efforts of NCL's professional, outstanding, and enthusiastic staff, combined with a close working relationship with other libraries, publishers, and academia, are sure to result in an exceptional, professional, digital, international, diversified, patron-friendly NCL, one that is a standard internationally and that will enjoy another golden decade.

History

- 1933 Founded in Nanjing
- 1938 Relocated to Chongqing, China
- 1949 Relocated to Taipei, Taiwan
- 1954 Reopened to the public at the Taipei Botanical Gardens
- 1981 Began sponsorship of the Resource and Information Center for Chinese Studies
- 1986 Moved to the present location
- 1987 Resource and Information Center for Chinese Studies renamed as the Center for Chinese Studies
- 1996 *The Organic Statute of the National Central Library* promulgated

Management Concepts

1. Excellence
2. Professionalism
3. Digitalized
4. Internationalized
5. Diverse
6. Patron-friendly

Management Strategies

1. Outline library development strategies and plans for all of Taiwan.
2. Bring together various facets of society to promote a reading for life program.
3. Find more cooperative projects between libraries in Taiwan and abroad.
4. Establish professional service standards and guidelines for libraries.
5. Increase e-reading knowledge and services in libraries.
6. Create an image of professionalism and innovation at NCL.
7. Establish a complete system for each level of library service.
8. Establish a national library resource purchasing center.
9. Increase the diversification of library holdings to increase national competitive edge.
10. Promote Chinese studies and make NCL an important international hub for Chinese culture.
11. Augment knowledge services to government agencies in their policy-making.
12. Promote the establishment of diversified libraries and services.
13. Promote certification for reading communities, schools, and libraries.
14. Promote cloud e-book repositories and digital experience.



Important and Unique Collections

NCL's collections can be divided into important historical works and modern publications. Historical works include those from the Song, Yuan, Ming, and Qing dynasties, and are in the form of written manuscripts, block prints, annotated versions by famous scholars, hand-written copies, Han dynasty wood strips, and bronze and stone rubbings. Modern Taiwan publications, including books, periodicals, government publications, Chinese New Year paintings, ancient deeds and contracts, post cards, and hand-written manuscripts, are important sources for researching Taiwan's economy, society, academic, and technological developments.

National Publications

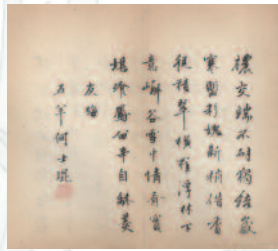
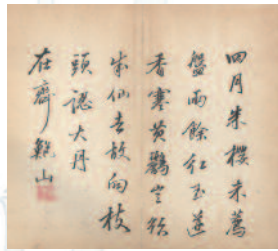


Just as with national libraries in other countries, NCL has the historic responsibility to preserve all national publications. This is what sets NCL apart from other libraries in Taiwan. Starting in 1954, NCL is the legal depository for all national publications according to the Publications Law and Library Law. Now almost sixty years later, total library holdings is fast approaching four million volumes/items. Primary content includes Taiwan publications, government publications, Chinese studies material, and e-books.

Taiwan publications and government publications come from government agencies, schools, publishers, or individuals. One copy of new publications is supposed to be deposited in the Library. This has aided NCL in amassing the most complete collection of modern publications.

To increase the diversity of library holdings, NCL is expanding its digital holdings, in addition to continuing to acquire books, periodicals, and other traditional publications. These digital collections include theses and dissertations, journals, and government statistics. NCL is also expanding its holdings in different types of publications, including audio-video material and e-books. It is also creating digitized service systems (such as the Digital Audio Visual Archive System) to provide a more abundant selection of historical



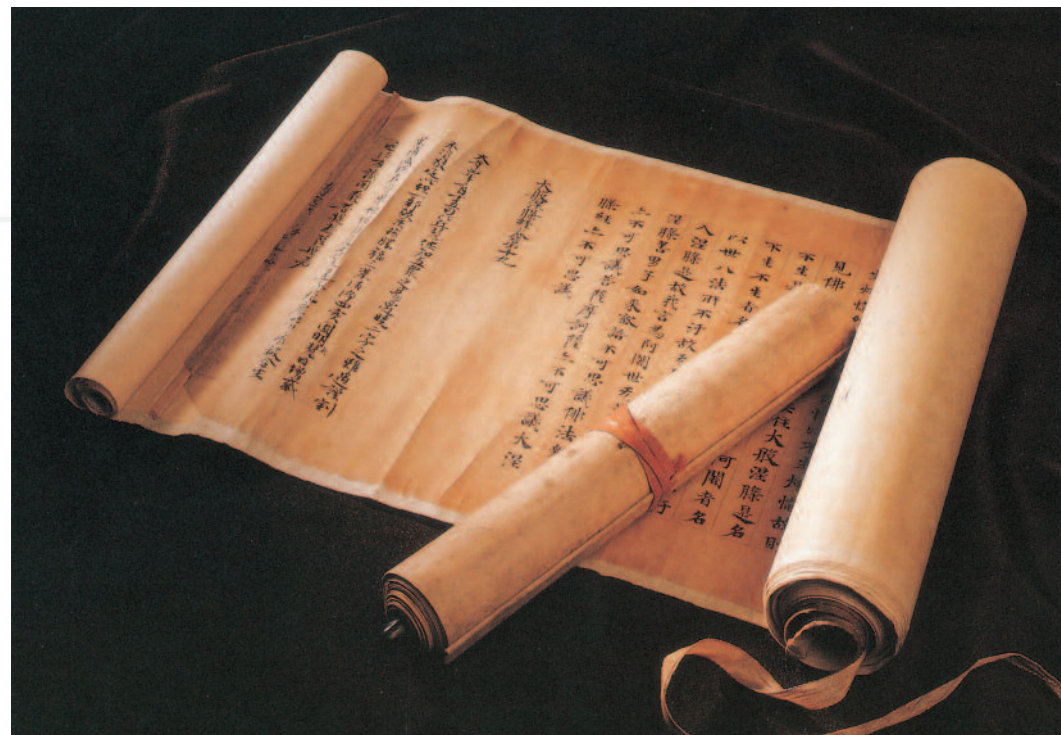


audio and visual files and programs. In recent years, NCL has focused its efforts on promoting “open access” to scholarly works produced in Taiwan so that these will be available to people worldwide.

Chinese Rare Books

NCL's special collections are comprised of rare books from the Song, Yuan, Ming, and Qing dynasties, as well as other thread-bound books and stone and bronze rubbings. The most abundant is Ming dynasty anthologies. These national cultural assets are also important resources for scholarly research and have received much attention from scholars around the world. Several of these ancient books are especially rare. After appraisal based on the Cultural Asset Preservation Law, a total of 12 sets, or 257 volumes, have been listed as national treasures.

In all, the library has more than 12,900 sets (ca. 135,000 volumes) of rare books, including Dunhuang scrolls; Song, Jin, Yuan, and Ming books; hand copies; manuscripts; and annotated versions.





Publications on Chinese Studies

Chinese studies material has been actively collected by NCL's Center for Chinese Studies since 1981. Material acquired includes Chinese and foreign publications, ancient Chinese books whose only copy exists overseas, microfilm of Dunhuang scrolls, dissertations on sinology from American and European universities, and books of an academic nature on Chinese literature, history, or philosophy published in China.

Chinese and Foreign Books Purchased by NCL

NCL continues to acquire important books and other materials (print and digital) from Taiwan and abroad. Periodicals include late Qing publications like *Dianshizhai Morning Daily*, *Agriculture Daily*, *The Times*, *The People's Paper*, *Illustrated Fiction*, *Official Politics*, and several first issues, including *New World Novels*, *Translation Grove*, *Geography Magazine*, *Vernacular Paper*, and *Xuanbao*. These are extremely valuable in understanding how Chinese periodicals developed over time. They are also valuable reference materials for scholarly research.

Regarding Chinese and foreign publications from overseas, Chinese materials include the *Wenjing Collection of the Imperial Library* and reprints of *The Quintessence of the Republic* from 1911-1949. Both are highly beneficial to scholarly research.

Western material includes microfilm from the China Inland Missions, Methodist Church, Methodist Episcopal Church, Presbyterian Church of England Foreign Mission

American, and Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. These are important primary sources for researching activities of the Christian church during late Qing and early Republic times.

Electronic Resources

To achieve the aim of mutual sharing of digital resources, NCL participates in e-book alliances to increase the number of e-books in its collection in addition to purchasing important databases. These diverse holdings can then satisfy patrons' many reading needs and raise Taiwan's academic competitive edge.

NCL creates e-book resources as a way to convenience readers in searching for information by utilizing computer and communication technology to create bibliographic and indices systems, specialty full-text image systems, digital audio visual service systems, and e-newspapers. The content of e-books made by NCL include Chinese books and periodicals in NCL's collection, journal articles, theses and dissertations, government bulletins, government publications, rare books, data on authors, and digital audio-visual material.

Important Donations from Individuals and Groups

NCL has been the recipient of many donations of rare collections over the years, including those from literature and history books from the Qing dynasty; government publications; books published in China and news pictures from around the world; broadcast recordings and vinyl records; works written by the members of the Overseas Chinese Women Writers Association; thread-bound books; old books on pre-Qin philosophers; Buddhist studies books; books on art (including ones on seal impressions); out-of-print books on history and literature; books on Japanese education and religion; hand-written manuscripts and literature and history books; out-of-print books on Chinese literature; paintings; letters; musical scores; CDs; writings; personally autographed novels and works; calligraphy; personal works; video clips of writers; vinyl records produced in the 1950s of Beijing opera and popular songs, etc.



Quality Service Facilities



In 1986, NCL was relocated to its current location on Zhongshan South Road. During 25 years of operation, new facilities were built in the near vicinity including the Information and Computing Library, the Arts and Audiovisual Center, and the International Organization Information Research Center.

Main Library

NCL's facilities on Zhongshan South Road were completed in 1986. With a total of nine floors, it occupies 40,000 square meters of space. As a convenience to patrons, it has several service-specific reading rooms: New Chinese Books Reading Room, Theses and Dissertation Room, Reference Room, Periodicals Room, Rare Books Room, Microform Room, Government Information and Law Reading Room, Japanese and Korean Room, the Center for Chinese Studies Materials Room, and the Matteo Ricci & Pacific Studies Reading Room.

Each of these reading rooms has its own unique features, but all have open shelves with recent publications, internet resource search areas, and copying and printing services. Patrons can use NCL's catalog search service for all of its holdings, and staff can then provide related information and tips on how to use the information found.

Information and Computing Library

The Information and Computing Library is located on Heping East Road on the 13th floor of the Technology Building. This branch library was officially established on September 16, 1988. It is a specialty research library that focuses services on information research and advances studies. It primarily holds materials regarding information technology, computer, and information industries in the NCL's collection. Patrons can make use of computer technology related information services. In response to national digital learning service policies, beginning in 2000 the NCL E-learning Campus learning platform was created to provide continuing education courses for library staff throughout Taiwan. It also provides various courses for the public on how to utilize information in libraries, so that anyone can always learn no matter where they are and at any time.





Arts and Audiovisual Center

The Center is a five-story, 2600 square meter structure located at 156 Yanping South Road. It is a specialty library for art books and audiovisual materials that can be used in scholarly cultural research. It also provides indices and searches for various bibliographies, full-text, and digital resources. It is connected to NCL's automated system, databases and video-on-demand systems. There are also a language learning area and music appreciation area for patrons to use.

The first and second floors are a general reading area, with an art gallery also on the second floor for use by artists and performers. The gallery is also used by academia and art groups to host various lectures and exhibitions. For each exhibition the artist will be present to explain his or her works and creative process. These are recorded and archived for future use.



On the third floor there is a Comic House, where comic fans can enjoy a uniquely designed area and exquisite facilities and services.

International Organizations Information Research Center

In an effort to make available information on international organizations, and to share resources and support educational research, NCL and National Cheng Chi University have established the NCL International Organization Information Research Center (IOIRC) in its Center for Public and Business Administration Education located on Jinhua Street in Taipei.

Most of the material deals with the United Nations and other organizations under its umbrella, including publications from the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Food and Agricultural Organization, International Labour Organization, World Health Organization, World Trade Organization, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, International Monetary Fund, and the World Bank Group. Among these, the English and Chinese meeting minutes from the United Nations before Taiwan was expelled (1947-1976) are the most valuable. Other material that has important value is post-1976 United Nation meeting minutes, proposals, resolutions, and reports, as well as economic, educational, and political information.



Knowledge Services in the Digital Age

In the wake of the rapid development of the internet, the NCL has added to the services it offers patrons that visit the Library. It has developed the availability and scope of e-reading, provided knowledge support reference services, subscribed to information on new books, expanded the scope of NCL's digitized resources, and established a year-round knowledge resource service to allow people worldwide to more easily enjoy the achievements and wisdom of Taiwan's civilization.

Patron-oriented Services

NCL's collection is comprised mainly of modern publications in Taiwan, as well as Chinese rare books, Taiwan books and periodicals, government publications, and theses and dissertations. These can only be accessed in the Library, and are restricted based on nature and copyright. Because most books and periodicals are deposited in NCL, they cannot be checked out of the library so as to preserve a complete set of Taiwan publications. Since most holdings can only be read in the Library, several specialty reading rooms were established to provide a diverse array of services and as a convenience to users.

Book exhibits are held in the large lobby on the second floor, with a new subject every quarter to actively spread new knowledge and display new books. There is also a guided library tour service given by library volunteers. The tour explains the content, resources, and proper use of each reading room. NCL has continued its volunteer service program where interested persons are trained in assisting with library services. Volunteer tour guides are



trained through professional library training courses, each bringing their own unique knowledge to play, making library tours more diverse and informative, while at the same time supporting NCL's many exhibitions.

Variety in E-reading

In response to new trends in e-reading, NCL has begun promoting e-reading and providing readers with better and more diverse reading environments. Plans have been laid to produce several series of e-books, including Chinese Studies E-classic Series and Taiwan Memory. Currently, thirty-one e-books of ancient Chinese books have been completed and uploaded to EPS. The Library is also working with TELDAP to provide forty-two ancient books in the EPUB format. In conjunction with various promotional activities at NCL, the production of e-books from ancient books will continue. These will be provided to the public for downloading and to scholars for academic research. It is hoped that they will help the public develop better reading habits and become more knowledgeable.

With the creation on NCL's E-publication Platform System, it has begun actively promoting e-reading, providing e-books for online reading and borrowing, and developing digital knowledge services. In June 2011, NCL began promoting e-reading by offering borrowing services for reading devices. Patrons can use these to experience the joys of mobile reading within the Library. An E-reading Booth was set up in the main lobby of the library offering a variety of reading devices to use in experiencing NCL's abundant digital collections. It also encourages patrons to try out e-reading and see how learning can be fun. Available are e-newspapers, e-books, and e-magazines for viewing, as well as several e-books produced by NCL and the Taipei Cultural Center.

Knowledge Support Reference Services

Reference services can be given through writing, oral instructions, on the phone, by fax, or even over the internet. Questions are normally answered by library staff or other experts in specific disciplines to help patrons make the most of the Library's collections. In 2002 digital reference services were started and made available 24 hours a day. Furthermore,



interlibrary collaboration services helps patrons save time and money by providing full-text documents.

In an effort to enhance NCL's reference services, to bring about a co-creation of reference resources in libraries throughout Taiwan, and to provide reference personnel with a place to share professional knowledge and insights, the Knowledge-based Reference System was created. Its content includes reference works in Taiwan and abroad, internet resources, collaborative reference services, interlibrary cooperation, and reference service guides.

Bibliographies On-demand Delivery

As a way to assist the public in understanding more regarding new publications, NCL has started a “Daily Publication Preview” service that automatically sends email notifications to patrons based on previously selected topics. The emails preview new publications and contain links to NCL's online catalog, NBINet, and several online bookstores in Taiwan.

On this basis, NCL began a Subject on Demand service (SOD) in 2011. Originally a total of one hundred subjects were selected from the NCL catalog, Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations in Taiwan, ISBNnet, Index to Taiwan Periodical Literature System, and the E-publication Platform System. It provides users with subscription services and browsing capabilities of the newest subjects. This platform utilizes user groups and information need gradations to establish interest files for various user groups. It then integrates with NCL's Single Sign-On system (SSO) and personalized knowledge base management and personal collections.



ISBN Assignment and ISBNnet

Assigning ISBNs to new publications in Taiwan (both print and digital), and managing ISRCs and CIP helps to establish a catalog of national cultural assets, to bring about a standardization for publications in Taiwan that meets international standards, to increase the dissemination speed of new publication information, to simplify acquisition procedures for libraries, to shorten the cataloging process and the time it takes new books to reach library shelves, and to save manpower and resources.

NCL publishes New Books Monthly based on applications for ISBNs and CIPs. It is a magazine highlighting new publications in Taiwan. On the ISBNnet website, patrons can easily keep abreast of new books, assist libraries in acquisition choices, and achieve boundary-free knowledge dissemination.



National Bibliographic Information Network

National Bibliographic Information Network (NBINet) Union Catalog provides users with the ability to search multiple catalogs at the same time, including catalog information from the NCL and 75 other participating organizations, from the ISBN Center's new publication lists, books in the Center for Chinese Studies, reference works from 1911-1949, and reference works from Hong Kong and Macau. In all, over ten million catalog entries are in the network.

In addition to allowing participating organizations from adding catalog information, the users can search the catalog online and download information in a variety of formats. It also is in conformity with Z39.50 protocol, allowing for cross-system search capabilities in other comparable databases.



Thesis and Dissertation System

According to the Degree Conferral Law, NCL is the only library in Taiwan legally designated to archive theses and dissertations. As NCL has a responsibility to assist academic research, under the direction of the Ministry of Education it created the National Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations in Taiwan. This system provides value-added knowledge services for theses and dissertations, such as full-text downloads (for those so authorized) and online research capabilities for the public.

Since it first went online in June 2010, the system has attracted the attention and praise of users worldwide. It has also joined the international NDLTD as an institutional member, to further promote the internationalization of Taiwan's graduate-level research. The system's slogan is "A Free Database for Theses and Dissertations." Apart from its bibliometric and citation analysis functions, stronger academic research support, policy support, knowledge value and knowledge management services already in place, it also works with each stage of academic research by providing needed data analysis. The aim is to make it into a virtual expert system for theses and dissertations. Currently, this free public resource is available to all researchers throughout the country and the world.

Journal System

NCL's index of journal articles spans more than forty years, going from paper-based publications to databases. The Index to Taiwan Periodical Literature System contains 5,000 scholarly journals and over 2.4 million entries of metadata. In a push to promote open access for scholarly articles, the entire database is searchable for free, with those articles that have been authorized having been scanned and made available for browsing and printing. In addition, all scholarly journals that already provide open access to full-text articles or internet resources can be posted on the site as well.

E-Publication Platform System

The E-Publication Platform System (EPS) primarily provides archiving and services for e-publications. It combines NCL's deposit system and catalog system already in place, to establish a united system for depositing, authorizing, archiving, assigning ISBNs, cataloging e-books, as well as managing copyrights, disseminating publication information, and providing full-text browsing. The system is a cloud-based database that allows users access to e-books information, interactive sharing, and policy support.

A Digital Library

NCL's homepage (www.ncl.edu.tw) provides digital resource services twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year. With different systems for bibliographies, indices, government documents, special research topics, ancient books, and full-text images, patrons



can access all of them online. As information technology continues to develop, NCL is bringing together its various systems to enable patrons an easier way to search for the information they want and meet their needs in a personalized way. The following is a list of important and unique systems included:

National Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations in Taiwan <http://ndltd.ncl.edu.tw/>

Index to Taiwan Periodical Literature System <http://readopac.ncl.edu.tw>

NCL Gazette Online <http://gaz.ncl.edu.tw/>

Government Statistics <http://stat.ncl.edu.tw/>

Taiwan Memory <http://memory.ncl.edu.tw>

Digital Audio Visual Archive System <http://dava.ncl.edu.tw>

E-learning Campus <http://cu.ncl.edu.tw/>

Rare Books Image Search System <http://rarebook.ncl.edu.tw/rbook.cgi/>

Center for Chinese Studies <http://ccs.ncl.edu.tw/>

Catalog of Classical Research Works <http://ccs.ncl.edu.tw/ExpertDB2.aspx>

Contemporary Literature System <http://lit.ncl.edu.tw/litft/home.action>

Knowledge-based Reference System <http://ref.ncl.edu.tw/>

Taiwan Humanities Indexes http://memory.ncl.edu.tw/tm_sd/index.jsp

Taiwan Hakka Digital Library <http://hakkalib.ncl.edu.tw/>

NBINet <http://nbinet.ncl.edu.tw/>

ISBNnet http://isbn.ncl.edu.tw/NCL_ISBNNet/

ISRC Search System <http://isrc.ncl.edu.tw/>

EPS <http://ebook.ncl.edu.tw/webpac/>

WAT <http://webarchive.ncl.edu.tw/nclwa98Front/>

Professional Guidance and Services

NCL is the only library legally stipulated to help “research, promote, and guide library development throughout Taiwan.” Because of this, the development of different types of libraries in Taiwan is the obligation and responsibility of NCL. The Library achieves these aims by holding national library meetings, setting regulations and technical standards, cultivating library staff’s professional expertise, announcing catalog format, leading Taiwan libraries in promoting reading to cultivate Taiwan’s competitive edge.

Implementing Resolutions from the National Library Meeting



On December 28-29, 2010, NCL held the 4th National Meeting of Libraries, where more than 600 people attended. The ideas raised and conclusions made during the meeting were then incorporated into the Library Development Strategies and Plan Research Project, which was approved by the Ministry of Education in June 2011. Five research groups were formed, one for each of the strategies proposed. The concrete methods proposed will then be compiled into a National Library Development Policies and Implementation Strategies Plan. This development blueprint will then serve as a base policy reference for libraries and government agencies in advancing library and information services.



Formulating Technical Standards

In May 2001 the Ministry of Education authorized NCL (based on Article 6 of the Library Law) to generate standards for bibliographic data and its organization. NCL has been improving the classification system, Chinese subject headings, Machine-Readable Cataloging Format (MARC), and e-library standards over the last several decades, as a service to libraries and persons responsible for cataloging.

Libraries organized their holdings based on catalog information. This then is used by patrons in searching for needed books. The creation, control, and sharing of catalogs must be standardized and technical standards must be updated as catalogs become more diversified and as the digital age advances.





Researching Regulations on Operations and Guidance

Regulations such as the Library Law, Operation Standards, and Keys to Guidance are the legal basis and basic principles to bring about comprehensive development of libraries. Therefore, NCL, under the direction of the Ministry of Education and in response to current trends, has generated new and revised regulations and standards, including key points for guidance, operation standards for public libraries, university libraries, specialized libraries, high school libraries, vocational school libraries, junior high school libraries, and elementary school libraries.

Cultivating Professional Library Know-how

NCL has an important responsibility to research techniques in library management and assist with library development throughout Taiwan. The Library holds training courses and professional development workshops for librarians, such as the summer training course co-hosted with the Library Association of the Republic of China (Taiwan), and the courses “Advanced Librarianship Course for Professionals” and “Graduate-level Course for Library Management” co-hosted with National Cheng Chi University. NCL's E-learning Campus also provides continuing development courses that can be taken at the convenience of library professionals.

Sharing Experience on Cataloging Web

Cataloging Web was created in June 1997. Currently Cataloging Web is a Web2.0

interactive site that provides a platform for persons responsible for information organization to discuss technical skills and professional knowledge. Specifically, cataloging staff can find up-to-date and easy access to information, including cataloging reports, standards and inquiries, NCL cataloging news, document resources, Cataloging Web e-newspaper, Cataloging Web forums, related links, reports on past events, and site and category-specific search capabilities for users to find and make use of needed information.

Continued Publishing of Library Yearbook

Since 1981 NCL has compiled the *Library Yearbook of the Republic of China* to record, categorize, and review important library developments. Starting in 2000, the yearbook has been published on a yearly basis and contains events, activities, meetings, and information regarding librarianship in Taiwan and Fujian from the previous year so as to preserve a complete record.



A United Effort in Promoting Reading

NCL generated several objectives in promoting reading and has held diverse activities to encourage the public to develop interest and habits in reading. It is believed that doing so will result in a deeper understanding of culture, a larger vision, and a stronger positive value-set. Promotional activities include recommended reading lists with short descriptions for each book, such as “Reading List from Top Test Takers,” “The Best Publications in Taiwan, 2010,” and “Youth Reading Recommendations by President Ma and Other Renowned Person.”

In addition, in 2011 NCL brought together libraries, government organizations, publishers, bookstores, and news agencies in Taiwan to promote “Modern Chinese Novel Month” and “100th Year of the Republic, A ‘Classic’ Time for Reading” to encourage the public to read the Chinese classics, to increase overall reading ability and sophistication, and to create an atmosphere of reading classics throughout society.

International Cooperation and Exchange

NCL represents the Republic of China in working with foreign libraries and research institutions and in promoting exchange with international library organizations. Such efforts include publication exchanges, document delivery services, co-creation of e-resources, and the exchange of library information. In addition, NCL attends international meetings, book exhibitions, and professional library activities to learn and share professional knowledge and experience.

International Publication Exchange

Currently, frequent exchanges occur with over eighty countries and six hundred organizations, including national libraries, public libraries, university libraries, special libraries, and academic research institutions. In order to promote Chinese culture and raise the visibility of Taiwan publications, NCL has allocated funds to purchase books and magazines and send them to foreign schools for Chinese children, overseas Chinese organizations, or to Chinese libraries.



Attend Professional Activities

As a way to augment understanding of international trends and activities in culture and education, NCL actively participates in international organizations for library science and Chinese studies. Library staff attends the meetings of these organizations. International books exhibitions (or those of professional library organizations) are another area of active participation, both to display publication achievements on Taiwan and to share experiences with other foreign libraries, with the goal of entering into cooperative projects and exchanges and thus increase the international standing of Taiwan librarianship.

Professional organizations that NCL actively participates in include the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), American Library Association (ALA), American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T), Association for Asian Studies (AAS), Pacific Neighborhood Consortium (PNC), and European Association for Chinese Studies (EACS).





Digitization Projects of Ancient Chinese Books

As rare and ancient Chinese books are an important world legacy, their preservation has important implications in cultural heritage, research, and civilization. NCL provides its knowledge and experience to digitize original copies of Chinese rare books that have made their way overseas. These cooperative projects allow NCL to help the foreign libraries preserve these important works while acquiring the rights to use in the process.

International digitization projects include:

- * Digitization of Chinese rare books in the U.S. Library of Congress
- * Digitization of Chinese rare books in the University of Washington's East Asia Library
- * Digitization of Chinese rare books in the University of California, Berkeley's East Asian Library
- * World Digital Library (WDL)

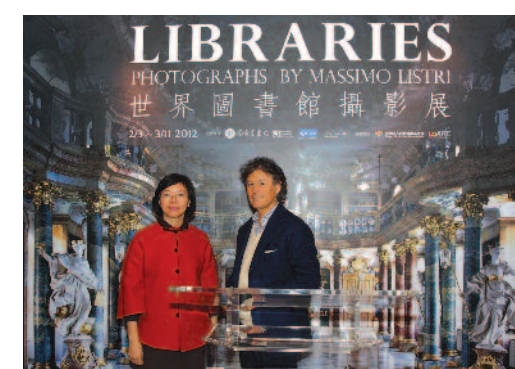


Bring Chinese Bibliographies up to the Level of International Standards

NCL has tried to extend the reach of Taiwan bibliographic information by renovating its machine-readable catalog. Converting it to a more modern format will enable it to play a more important role in a web-based digital environment. Starting in 2004, NCL began converting to XML and developed a CMARC3-XML converter to make the CMARC3 catalog usable online. In 2006, NCL began uploading its bibliographic records onto OCLC WorldCat to make it more widely available and to fulfill the Library's responsibility to disseminate Chinese knowledge abroad.

Expertise Exchange for Library and Information Science

As a way to augment international exchange and interaction, NCL invites internationally renowned and influential experts and scholars to Taiwan. Such visits and lectures, along with conferences, visits of library personnel abroad, professional development courses, and cross-strait academic exchanges and cooperative projects, have increased NCL's connection with foreign libraries and understanding of foreign scholars. This, in turn, makes NCL more visible internationally and results in many benefits with cooperative projects and exchanges.



Worldwide Hub for Chinese Studies

The importance of Chinese culture and sinological research led the government to commission NCL to set up a “Chinese Studies Information and Service Center” (in 1987 its name was changed to the Center for Chinese Studies) with the responsibility of promoting Chinese studies in Taiwan and abroad. Efforts over the last thirty years have led to much success. In Taiwan it has established a firm foundation for research in the humanities. Overseas it has created an image of excellent scholarship in Taiwan.

Actively Participate in the Taiwan Academy

The government has been actively designing the Taiwan Academy since 2009, with the purpose of promoting to the world “Taiwan-styled Chinese culture,” displaying Taiwan's cultural depth and soft power. It is also an important medium by which Taiwan can connect with the international community and by which they can come to know Taiwanese culture.

The Center for Chinese Studies established a Taiwan Academy in the Culture Center of Taipei Economic & Cultural Offices in New York, Los Angeles, and Houston. A selection of important publications, audio-video materials, e-books, and internet resources from Taiwan were given. Moreover, a Taiwan Chinese Studies Lecture Series and corresponding conferences and exhibition circuits of ancient books were held to give foreign sinologists a greater understanding of Taiwan's sinological resources and to actively raise worldwide awareness of Taiwan's excellent publications and scholarly research achievements.

Increase Exchanges between Sinologists

In 1989, the Center for Chinese Studies implemented a grant for foreign scholars to conduct research on Chinese studies in Taiwan. Starting in 2000, the Ministry of Foreign



Affairs also commissioned it to handle the Taiwan Fellowship, which provides funding for foreign scholars researching Taiwan or Chinese studies to come to Taiwan for three months to one year. The Center for Chinese Studies assists them with gathering information, as well as other living and research needs. The scholars also have opportunities to interact with Taiwan scholars by attending conferences and cultural activities. Such activities leave a deep and lasting impression of Taiwan. In October 2011, the Center for Chinese Studies Scholars Worldwide was established, which connects foreign grant recipients over the years to encourage continued exchange between Taiwan and international academia.

Publish Books on Chinese Studies

The Center for Chinese Studies publishes Chinese Studies quarterly, an international journal that publishes research on Chinese literature, history, and philosophy. It has been awarded National Science Council's “Journal of Excellence Award” on several occasions. The quarterly Newsletter for Research in Chinese Studies primarily reports on research trends in Taiwan and abroad. Over one hundred universities around the world regularly provide updated information. To increase the timeliness of the scholarly information, the E-Newsletter for Research in Chinese Studies is published monthly. The Center also publishes bibliographies, indices, and other reference works on sinological topics.

Host Academic Activities

Through bringing together scholars and experts in sinology to discuss a specific issue or novel interdisciplinary topics, co-hosting international conferences with research institutions in Taiwan, and inviting internationally renowned sinologists to attend, NCL is able to stimulate sinological institutions in Taiwan and extend the influence of research achievements. In addition, NCL also participates in international meetings and book exhibitions to promote Taiwan research achievements and publications. This allows NCL to strengthen ties with important international Chinese studies institutions.





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