eyesight often pity the blind and think they need "inspiration," so they mostly donate inspirational books, language learning materials, or light literature. Moreover, there are only around 10,000 Braille books in the NCL collection, or 1/240th the amount of normal books.

As their study and employment opportunities grow, the visually impaired are increasingly aware that "knowledge is power." They are demanding more than just inspirational books and appealing to society to value their reading needs and wants, which also include the Harry Potter books, *Lord of the Rings*, and other popular books and magazines. To help satisfy this need, the "Mobile Library" CD program plans to produce 1,000 audio books—including titles on finance, economics, law, medicine, popular science, and literature—within five years in conjunction with the "Digital Taiwan Program" under the Executive Yuan's "Challenge 2008" national development plan.

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■ Library and Information Science Research Plan Achievement Seminar

The objective of humanities and social sciences R&D at the National Science Council (NSC) is to encourage and upgrade the level of basic research in humanities and the social sciences. Library and information science (LIS) is an extensive field with major research areas including bibliometrics, knowledge management, digital archiving, and digital learning. The Library and Information Science Research Plan Achievement Seminar was held to share LIS research achievements and explore the content and application of bibliometrics.

In addition to research report presentations by LIS scholars, the seminar featured a discussion on important bibliometrics topics. The seminar was divided into three sessions.

The first session was devoted to research reports, the second session to discussions on bibliometrics, document analysis and academic assessment, and the third session to general discussion and exchanges.

The seminar was held at the international conference room of National Taiwan University Library on May 21, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Prof. Huang Mu-hsuan delivered a general report and Prof. Wu Mei-mei presented analysis of humanities and social science R&D achievements of the NSC. The 10 research reports presented and their authors are listed below:

- Digital Resource Codes and Systems Maintenance Prof. Chen Chao-chen
- History Education Applications of Digital Files at High Schools Prof. Hsueh Li-kuei
- E-commerce Enterprise Information Service Modes Prof. Lin Shan-ju
- Continuing Education Needs of Medical Library Librarians in the Taiwan Area (tentative)   Prof. Su Hsuan
- Assessment of University Library Website Applicability (tentative) Prof. Hsieh Pao-hsuan
- Theoretical Frameworks for Digital Archive Interflow Prof. Chen Hsueh-hua
- Library and Information Science Applications of U.S. Distance Learning Networks (tentative) Prof. Wang Mai-ling
- Automated Establishment of Chinese Indices and their Application Prof. Tseng Yuan-hsien
- Modes of Analyzing Demand for Online Image Searches Prof. Pu Hsiao-tieh
- Establishment and Application of Digital Library Collections Prof. Chan Li-ping

In addition, Prof. Tsai Ming-yueh and Prof. Huang Mu-hsuan presented keynote addresses at the two sessions on, respectively, Analysis of Citation Documents and Bibliometrics and Academic Review.