Cheng-tse. The Library and Information Science Office of the Bureau of Culture, Hsinchu City, said that the satellite library system would comprise 10 connection points (the main library and nine branch libraries of the bureau) and 70 computer terminals, or about one terminal per 40,000 city residents. The satellite library system will

Inauguration of the Hsinchu City Satellite Library (Photo by Bureau of Culture, Hsinchu City)
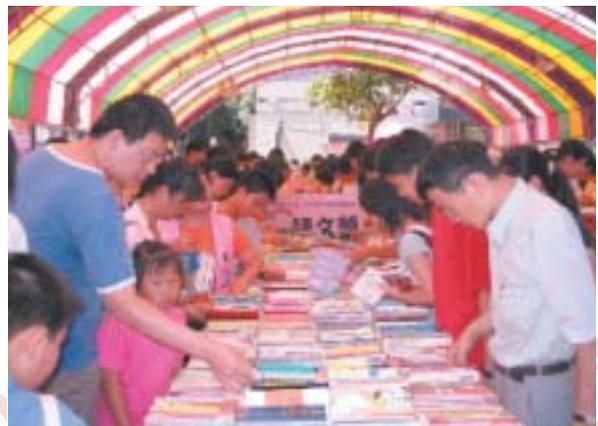
accelerate the process of making library's more automated, community-based and information-based. It will also bring libraries closer to the people and enable city residents to easily search for information online. The term "satellite" is used to emphasize the system's integration with the main library. The system also provides a channel for inter-library linkages and emphasizes a shift from printed to digital materials. Mayor Lin said that libraries do not necessarily need to be big, but rather need to be convenient. The satellite library system may be expanded in future to reduce the number of residents per terminal to 30,000. The mayor also said that the system can support self-

education, upgrade the information ability of city residents, foster an interest in reading through online education, provide access to various types of knowledge and information, and provide opportunities for personal creative development. It can also assist community cultural development and reduce the urban-rural knowledge gap.
(Chinese text compiled from the Central News Agency, June 7, 2005)

■ *Book Lovers Share Joy of Reading at "2005 National Good Book Exchange Day"*

More than 73,000 book lovers came home from the "2005 National Good Book Exchange Day" on July 9 with books in arm, bringing the month-long exchange activity to a successful close. According to event organizer National Taichung Library, participants picked up 440,000 of the 600,000 books donated, leaving the balance for donation to resource scarce areas in the remoter parts of Taiwan. Books were donated and exchanged at 292 sites across the island. Some 350

Readers hunt for books during National Good Book Exchange Day (Photo by National Taichung Library)

county and city libraries, publishers, community groups, foundations, and community leaders took part in the activity, which was supervised and planned by the Cabinet-level Council for Cultural Affairs.

■ *Taoyuan Picks a County Book*

The Taoyuan County Government joined hands with the Taiwan Literary Development Foundation and Wen Shun magazine to choose "Taoyuan's book" for 2005 through a public vote. In 2003, the county held the first national "One Book for One City" activity, during which county residents selected the Chinese translations of The Wheel of Life (Commonwealth Publishing) as a recommended book for all county residents. The 2004 selection was the translation of The Lovely Bones (Mentor Books). This year, the event sponsor will prepare a list of 195 books as a reference list for selection of one or two titles by the heads of primary school, middle schools, and universities. Based on the principals' recommendations and an initial selection committee, the list will be further pared down to 30 volumes for submission for a public vote. Votes can be mailed in or submitted online via the county government website (http://www.tyccc.gov.tw). Anyone can cast a vote, even if they are not Taoyuan residents. The top-10 choices in the first voting round will be submitted for a final vote, from which one book will emerge as the "2005 Book of Taoyuan County."

The winning book will be announced on July 16 during the opening ceremony for the "Fourth Taoyuan National Book Exhibition." A seminar will also be held to provide a forum for writers and scholars to discuss and provide guidance on the winning book. There will also be an essay writing contest for readers to describe their feelings about the work.

Seminars

■ *Conference on Information Organization & Archive Technology*

A conference on information organization and archive technology in the new century was jointly held by Shih Hsin University Library, National Chengchi University (NCU) Library, and the Training & Promotion Division under the National Digital Archives Program from May 25 to 26 at NCU Library.

The seminar addressed three major topics concerning information organization and related technology applications in the new era:
- Development of information organization: From traditional classification, cataloging and technological services to information organization
- Added-value information: From bibliography to full-text resources and from collections to digital
- Information integration and application: From inter-library cooperation and resource sharing to knowledge management

Information organization has always been a core discipline in library and information sciences. Today, this discipline has grown to encompass various types and fields of application, including the digital collections of museums and archives.