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.

Information organization, arrangement, and value-added services are involved in everything from the organization of physical library collections to the digitization of such collections, and they are an important part of preserving resources and improving accessibility to these resources. With the development and application of new archiving technology and digital publishing, information organizations in the current era are challenged to find ways to integrate technology to enhance the utilization of knowledge.

The two keynote topics during the seminar were "University Libraries in the Network Age"; and "Metadata and its integration in the hybrid library". Discussion topics included: (1) Copyright protection technology of digital library and the legal limitations on its circumvention; (2) Integration of information organization standards: Creation of a conversion table; (3) A study on FRANAR/FRAR, a conceptual model for authority data; (4) Influence of individual bibliographic management systems on academic dissemination and publishing; (5) Visualization of thesauri based self-organizing maps; (6) Metadata and its trends in library and information science; (7) Planning a knowledge management system for government organizations base on the need assessment: a case study; (8) Value-added digital information for archive documents; (9) Research of knowledge tree in distributed knowledge management system; (10) Establishment of business knowledge topic words; (11) Chinese name authority control; (12) Taxonomy generation from text and speech documents; (13) Study on digital archives standard for library automation system; (14) A preliminary research for analysis of the current state of the art of topic map application; and (15) The study of information architecture for websites from information access aid-using the agricultural department websites in the domestic and foreign countries for an example.

■ *Hope, Reading, Growth: Helping Disadvantaged Kids to Read*

In order to raise public awareness of problems concerning the reading opportunities of disadvantaged children (including children in remote areas, low-income families, and families with foreign spouses, as well as the seeing impaired), and combine social resources to address these problems, the Children's Bureau under the Ministry of the Interior, the NCL Taiwan Branch, and the Higher Education Foundation organized a seminar and lecture series with support from the Nantou County Government Cultural Bureau, Kaohsiung City Library, and Taitung County Government Cultural Bureau. These events provided a channel to share practical experience and theories on issues related to children's reading. The dates and locations of each event are as follows:

Event	Date	Place
Seminar	May 26~27	National Central Library Taiwan Branch
Lecture: Nantou	June 1	Nantou County Government Cultural Bureau
Lecture: Kaohsiung	June 8	Kaohsiung City Library
Lecture: Taitung	June 9	Taitung County Government Cultural Bureau