

The conversion work will be completed within five years of the arrival of the microfilm material in Taiwan. The NCL will also provide a copy of the metadata files to the GSU, as well as provide regular reports to the society on the digital conversion progress.

In August 2005, Hsiao-Ming Yu, director of the NCL's Reader Services Division, met with GSU President Melvin P. Thatcher in Salt Lake City, Utah to discuss the cooperation project. Mr. Thatcher noted at the time that the digitization cooperation with the NCL is the first such venture carried out by the GSU, adding that the society attaches great importance to the project. Mr. Yu also met with Grace Y. Chen (director of the cataloging department), Derek B. Dobson (manager of the technical division), and other society staff to discuss details about the scope and standards of the digitization work. These discussions resulted in revisions to some of the metadata and digital imaging specifications.

On August 23, 2005, the NCL began converting the GSU microfilm to optical disks and creating metadata files. The library expects to complete processing of nearly 100 microfilm rolls by the end of this year. In the coming years, the NCL will continue to collect historical resources of value to Taiwan studies in order to build a more complete digital archive of historical materials for research purposes. (Chinese text by Hsiao-Ming Yu)



NCL Reader Services Division Director Hsiao-Ming Yu (second from left), GSU President Melvin P. Thatcher (second from right), Grace Y. Chen, director of the GSU cataloging department (far left), and Reference librarian Ms Li Hsing-Yuan, (far right) met in Salt Lake City, Utah on August 2, 2005. (Provided by Hsiao-Ming Yu)

Special Report

■ *NCL Publications Displayed at Frankfurt Book Fair*

The Frankfurt Book Fair, the biggest show of its kind in the world, was held in Frankfurt, Germany in October. The fair is a major event for the publishing industry, attracting 6,691 exhibitors from 110 countries in 2004. In 2005, the Taiwan delegation to the show brought together exhibits by 10 government agencies and private organizations. The group exhibit was divided into general books and comics. A puppet performance and food displays were also arranged to heighten visitor interest. The NCL displayed 20 of the several hundred publications it has put out over the years, hoping to raise awareness of the dynamic development of Taiwan's library sector. Brief introductions to the 20 displayed works are provided here for reference



Title: Collection of Forewords from Rare Books: Annotated Full-text Edition (DVD) // Category: History // ISBN: 957-678-377-1 // US\$9.5

Abstract: This DVD contains around 3,200 images of forewords from rare books in the NCL collection, along with typeset, annotated texts, word-for-word identification, added punctuation, and browse and search interfaces.



Title: 2004 Excellent Public Libraries of Taiwan, R.O.C. // Category: Library Science // ISBN: 957-678-415-8 // US\$6

Abstract: As part of a three-year library development plan launched in 2002, the NCL formed a committee comprised of experts, scholars and experienced librarians to evaluate the performance of public libraries throughout Taiwan. The 89 libraries receiving outstanding scores in the 2004 evaluation are introduced in this publication, including the basic information, operation methods, services, and collection characteristics of each library.



Title: Major Figures in China's Library World (Vol. 1) // Category: Biography // ISBN: 957-29266-1-6 // US\$9.5

Abstract: Published on the 50th anniversary of the Library Association of China, this book records the contributions of 50 major figures to the development of libraries in China, beginning with Wei Ti-hua born in 1861 and ending with Ku Min.



Title: Publishing, Reading and Libraries: NCL 70th Anniversary Seminar and Exhibition Guide // Category: Library Science // ISBN: 957-678-371-2 // US\$4

Abstract: This publication brings together the insights of 13 publishing insiders on reading promotion and library utilization, with such topics as high school student reading, U.S. promotion of reading in urban areas, children's reading and reading resources, and advocating reading in a post-modern society.



Title: 2004 ROC Library Yearbook // Category: Library Science // ISBN: 957-678-427-1 // US\$22

Abstract: The NCL's 2004 ROC Library Yearbook hit the presses in February 2005, chronicling the major affairs, events and information of Taiwan's library world in 2003. The yearbook is divided into four sections, including reprinted material, special reports, special topics, and an appendix. There is also an index at the end of the yearbook to help readers find information of interest.



Title: Catalog of Studies on Han Thought // Category: Chinese Study // ISBN: 957-678-241-4 // US\$22

Abstract: This catalog provides a useful reference to over 6,800 studies on Han thought and philosophers published between 1912 and 1996 in the Greater China area. The content includes general studies on such subjects as Chinese cosmology, philosopher, and major related figures in these fields.



Title: Catalog of Reference Works Published in Taiwan (2000~2002) (With CD) // Category: Reference // ISBN: 957-678-383-6 // US\$12.5

Abstract: Published in conjunction with a program to establish an online mechanism to assist public libraries in acquisition work, this catalog lists 2,793 reference works published in Taiwan between 2000 and 2002. All of the material can be easily searched from the included CD.



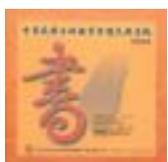
Title: Selected Online Resources for International Sinological Studies // Category: Chinese Study // ISBN: 957-678-416-6 // US\$8

Abstract: This work introduces searchable text databases of Sinological studies, including 250 websites created by 169 organizations. Each section includes the website address, establishing organization, and an introduction to the content.



Title: Catalog of Reference Works Published in Taiwan (2003) //Category: Library Science //ISBN: 957-678-411-5 // US\$12.5

Abstract: This catalog introduces 944 Chinese reference works published in the Taiwan area in 2003. These works are selected for their specific layout, provided information, and ease of use. There are brief introductions to 123 of the more representative titles and for the other works the ISBN and publisher name is included.



Title: CD-ROM Catalog of ROC Publications//Category: Library Science //GPN:4309 301185 // US\$6

Abstract: This semiannually released CD-ROM contains bibliographies of works in the NCL collection, updated every March and September. Entries include bibliographies, book information, and reviews for domestically published works for which the NCL has received ISBN or CIP applications, or which have already been cataloged in the NCL collection.



Title: Proceedings of the Second International Conference on Dunhuang Studies //Category: Academic papers // ISBN: 957-678-056-X // US\$40

Abstract: This work comprises 37 papers delivered by scholars from France, Korea, China, and Taiwan at the Second International Conference on Dunhuang Studies held in 1991. The papers provide international perspectives on a variety of cultural and social topics, from Buddhist, Taoist and Confucian thinking to the arts.



Title: Chronology and Directory of Taiwanese Authors (1945~2000) // Category: Literary reference // ISBN: 957-678-311-9 // US\$25

Abstract: This directory introduces the life and works of 2,256 Taiwanese authors writing between 1945 and 2000. Source material for the 8,986 entries included was drawn mainly from the NCL's files on contemporary literary and historical writers in Taiwan, supplemented by materials from the collections of the NCL's and Center for Chinese Studies, as well as online and database resources.



Title: Directory of Selected Reference Resources for Small to Medium Public Libraries // Category: Reference //ISBN: 957-678-405-0 // US\$6.5

Abstract: This catalog lists 347 reference tools published in Taiwan from 2000 to 2003. Introductions and cover photos are included for 208 of the entries, which include catalogs/indexes; dictionaries, encyclopedias, yearbooks, directories, handbooks/guides, biographical material, geological reference materials, illustrated guides/albums, and statistics/laws. All materials were selected based on suitability for small to medium sized public libraries.



Title: Chinese Subject Terms // Category: Library Science // ISBN: 957-678-399-2 // US\$9.5

Abstract: Subject terms are an important tool for libraries as information organizations. This reference work, jointly compiled by information specialists and libraries, provides a quick and definitive guide to Chinese subject terms in humanities and social science fields.



Title: Guide to Children's Reading Resources in Taiwan // Category: Library Science // ISBN: 957-678-386-0 // US\$7

Abstract: This CD-ROM is divided into three sections focusing on bibliographies of children's books ISO2709 MARC at the NCL and other national libraries, lists of award-winning recommended books, and links to related search engines and other online resources, and survey results on the status of children's reading rooms at libraries in Taiwan.



Title: Window on the NCL Special Collection: Fun with Rare Books // Category: Rare Book // ISBN: 957-678-429-8 // US\$16

Abstract: This first disk of this two-disk CD-ROM set consists of oracle bone inscriptions, bronze rubbings, publications, and albums from various dynasties, as well as captioned photos of rare block-print books from the Song to Qing period. The second disk focuses on photos and descriptions of selected block print illustrations from dramatic novels in the NCL collection.



Title: Window on Taiwan //
 Category: Local Records //
 ISBN: 957-678-407-1 // US\$9.5
 Abstract: This brief encyclopedia
 provides an overview of cultural affairs

in Taiwan's 87 townships, with sections on the history, historical figures, historical sites, scenic sites, special products, plant and animal ecology, geology, and community education agencies in each township.



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Title: 2003 Publishers' Directory in
 Taiwan // Category: Reference //
 ISBN: 957-678-385-2 // US\$3.5

Abstract: This directory provides a list of
 8,240 publishers, government agencies, and
 academic organizations in Taiwan that have submitted ISBN
 applications between July 1989 to September 2003. Additional
 up-to-date information on publishing organizations in Taiwan
 can also be accessed online at: <http://www.ncl.edu.tw/isbn>.



Title: Proceeding of Library and
 Reading Activities Seminar // Category:
 Library Science //
 ISBN: 957-678-395-X // US\$5

Abstract: This work brings together 20
 papers delivered at the Library and Reading
 Activities Seminar held in conjunction with
 the 70th anniversary of the NCL. Topics include the sharing of
 experience in reading activities, selection of reading materials,
 reading club administration, integrating reading in topical
 studies, publishing and reading, and the planning and holding of
 national reading activities.

Events

■ *CCA Chairman Chen Chi-nan Inspects Township Libraries*

Council for Cultural Affairs (CCA) Chairman
 Chen Chi-nan made inspection visits to township
 libraries in Changjhih, Jhutian, Jiadong, and
 Linbian on August 7 to understand the status of
 their operations. He was joined by Pingtung
 County Cultural Bureau Director Hsu Fen-chun
 and National Taichung Library Director Hsueh
 Mao-sung. The group also met with township and
 city mayors in Pingtung County to jointly map out
 a new course for library development in the
 county.

Chen emphasized the importance of
 developing township libraries as centers for
 continuing education and cultural and art
 exchanges. In these capacities, he said, libraries
 can play an important role in fostering a literary
 and cultural climate in local communities. He also
 said that in future library facilities would be
 designed as artworks and landmarks in their own
 right. He urged local communities to submit plans
 for achieving these objectives, promising strong
 support from the CCA for competitive proposals.

■ *Public Libraries Promote Internet and Information Services*

Over 200 public libraries across Taiwan
 organized more than 800 events between August 9
 and October 9 this year to promote public library
 Internet and information services. The "E Go Go!"
 event highlighted the convenience of public
 libraries as places for people to access online