

Windmill Draws the NTMFA" activity.

The activity, which kicked off on December 24, 2005, at the NTMFA, is based on an installation art concept, fusing dramatic and narrative elements and centered on the theme of reading illustrated books. The installation draws on images from all of the major continents to present a kind of global journey. There are also over 3,000 books at the first floor entrance, including titles on such topics as spiritual exploration, dreams, chivalry and justice, adventure, illustrated books from the East, Taiwan folk stories, and animals. Flags and illustrations from the various represented countries are displayed along the museum's spiral staircase. The main reading area is divided into eight theme areas, including: the Polar Igloo Area, Fairytale Pumpkin Area, European Castle, African Jungle Area, Australian Kangaroo Area, American Sports Car Area, Asia Scenic Area, and Taiwan Area. The activity space has a capacity limit of 60 and it is estimated that 150,000 people will visit in a year.

The display's emphasis is on interactivity, art and education promotion, and high-tech integration. In addition to expanding the worldview of kids in Taiwan, the display seeks to promote reading concepts.

■ *NTL Holds 2006 "Reading Spring Book Exchange"*

National Taichung Library kicked off its 2006 book exchange activity on January 1. The library collected books donated by the public up to January 20. The exchange was held on January 21 at the library's cultural plaza.

■ *Tapping into a Wealth of Information in the E-generation*

The National Taichung Library held a workshop on database utilization at its network information center on January 21 to help the public effectively and accurately use the information search functions offered by public libraries. The courses covered usage of OPAC, IPAC, Index to Chinese Periodical Literature on CD-ROM (PerioPath on CD-ROM), newspaper databases, Dissertation and Thesis Abstract System (DATAS), and ROC Official Gazettes Image System. Each of the free courses was attended by up to 30 people, most of whom had prior knowledge in using computers.

■ *Major Book Donation by Wang Jeng-tsung*

Donations are an important source of collection resources for the NCL. In 2005, the biggest and most important donation to the library was the more than 4,500 volumes provided by Mr. Wang Jeng-tsung, volumes from the early Republican period, Chinese books about Taiwan, historical books, books on frontier lands and ethnic topics biographies, commemorative series, Chinese periodicals, and Japanese periodicals, as introduced below:

- (1) Early Republican period works: These publications, totaling more than 920 volumes, include works printed in mainland China during the Republican administration there (1911~1949), including works from the Northern Warlords Government period