

the quality of information services and foster ability to more efficiently use information resources at libraries. The course provides lessons on the content, functions, characteristics and usage of library database systems for public library and university library personnel and readers. This year's course also introduced ways to make the best use of library collection resources, such as Chinese and western language encyclopedias, newspaper reports, yearbooks, periodicals and academic papers.

■ *Pingtung County Opens Travel Literature Library*

With more and more visitors coming to Pingtung to enjoy the county's abundant natural attractions and world-class aquarium, the county government's Cultural Affairs Bureau is to refashioning the second floor of its Jieshou Library as a space for travel literature and local authors. The new library is expected to be completed this December. The bureau will also offer a "Travel Literature Blog" for visitors to share information and views. In addition to opening the new travel section, the bureau is planning a complete outside makeover of Jieshou Library.

■ *LAC to Hold 2005 Annual Meeting in December*

The Library Association of the Republic of China (LAC) will hold its 2005 Annual Meeting on December 17 at the NCL. The association will appoint its new councilors at the meeting. Other activities during the meeting include all Seminar

on Library Globalization, Digitization, and Localization and Development Trends in Library and Information Science"; an "Information System Exhibition"; the "2005 Thesis Presentation Forum for Research Students of Library and Information Science"; and the "2005 LAC Poster Exhibition."

The Information System Exhibition aims to enhance the promotion and application of information system and database technology and products, which are playing an increasingly important role in the development of library knowledge services.

Seminars

■ *The Fourth Digital Archive Technology Seminar*

Sponsor: Research & Development of Technology Division, National Digital Archives Program

Date: September 1~2, 2005

Place: Institute of Information Science, Academia Sinica

Topics:

- Multimedia content search technology
- VR technology
- Digital property right management technology
- Language processing technology
- Integrated geospatial information system (IGIS) technology
- Digital archive database systems
- Multimedia database technology
- Data mining technology

■ *Seminar on the Preservation and Management of Printed Books*

Sponsors: NCL Taiwan Branch; Gaya Foundation
Luminary International Buddhist Society

Organizer: Library of Luminary Buddhist Institute

Date: September 9, 2005

Place: National Central Library Taiwan Branch

Topics:

- Introduction to book paper
- Book mold prevention and removal
- Treating books for flood damage and sun protection
- Insect damage and prevention
- Workshops on paper book preservation

■ *International Seminar on Chinese and European Cultural Traits in East Asia*

Sponsors: Research Center of East Asian Civilization of National Taiwan University; Center for Chinese Studies

Supported by: Advisory Office of the Ministry of Education; Department of Asian Languages and Cultures at Rutgers University

Date: September 13~14, 2005

Place: Research Center of East Asian Civilization, NTU

Topics:

- Understanding of core concepts of Chinese culture in East Asia
- Understanding and interpretations of concepts, systems and impact of European culture in East Asia
- Core European cultural concepts and systems in history and their impact on the formation of European cultural traits
- European and Chinese culture exchanges and influences

■ *27th Seminar on Medical Library Employees*

Sponsor: Medical Library Committee, Library Association of China

Supported by: Kaohsiung Medical University Library

Date: September 15~15, 2005

Place: Kaohsiung Medical University

Topics: Medical libraries in transition

■ *Seminar on Application and Trends of Buddhist Digital Resources*

Sponsors: Research Center of East Asian Civilization and Center for Buddhist Studies, National Taiwan University

Date: September 16, 2005

Place: NTU Library

Description: Local organizations engaged in the creation of digital Buddhist resources were invited to introduce their operations, technological breakthroughs, and bottlenecks. Scholars were also invited speak on various related issues, language resources, and future trends in the development of digital resources for Buddhist studies.

Topics:

- Current status, issues, and prospects of digital Buddhist resources
- Language issues with digital Buddhist resources
- Keynote topics on digital Buddhist resources
- Future of digital Buddhist resource creation

■ *Seminar on Digital Archiving at U.S. Government Agencies: Theory and Practice*

Sponsors: American Cultural Center; Library

Association of China; Graduate Institute of Library and Information Studies, National Taiwan Normal University

Date: September 22, 2005

Place: NTU Library

Description: Mr. Michael Huff, an Information Resource Officer with the U.S. State Department, was invited to speak in Taipei on the experience of U.S. government agencies (such as the GPO, NASA, NARA, etc.) digital archiving. Ms. Judith C. Russell, U.S. GPO Superintendent of Documents, also joined the seminar via a satellite video link.

■ ***2005 Annual Meeting of the Digital Thesis Archive Alliance and Library Digital Resource Integration Service Seminar***

Sponsors: Providence University Library; Computing Centre, Academia Sinica

Supported by: ProQuest (USA); Transmission Books and Microinfo Co., Ltd.

Date: September 23, 2005

Topics:

- Organization and arrangement of library digital resources
- Integrated searching and utilization of library digital resources
- Library digital resource service and usage evaluation
- Current status and future plans of the Digital Thesis Archive Alliance
- ProQuest's Asia-Pacific representative

■ ***Seminar on Digital Information and Media Applications in Education Research***

Sponsor: Ching Yun University Library

Date: October 5, 2005

Place: Ching Yun University Library

■ ***Library Applications of RFID***

Sponsor: Tajen Institute of Technology

Date: October 7, 2005

Place: Tajen Institute of Technology

■ ***21st Workshop on Library Automation in Taiwan—Humanistic Touch in Library Automation***

Organizers: Chung Yuan Christian University Library; National Chiao Tung University Library; Library Association of China

Date: October 7, 2005

Place: Chung Yuan Christian University Library

Description: This workshop explored trends and issues regarding library automation from a humanistic and "holistic education" perspective to provide a foundation for related strategy formulation.

Topics:

- Humanistic reflections on automation and technology
- Automation development trends and developments
- Automation experience sharing
- Successes and shortcomings in automation from a humanistic perspective

■ ***CONCERT 2005 Annual Meeting***

Date: October 19~20, 2005

Place: Institute of Applied Mechanics, National

Taiwan University

Description: Local experts, scholars and database system providers were invited to speak at the 2005 CONCERT Annual Meeting, which also featured an exhibit on database systems.

Topics:

- Open Access
- E-learning in the digital era
- Digital preservation

■ *Workshop on Paper Culture Preservation*

Sponsor: Association for the Preservation of Paper Culture

Organizer: Luminary Buddhist Institute Library

Date: October 21, 2005

Place: NCL

Description: This workshop was held to advance understanding among library, museum and other professionals and the general public of the archiving benefits of paper documents and books.

■ *Information Science Pioneer Seminar*

Sponsor: Planning Committee for the Celebration of the 70th Birthday of Professor Li Te-chu

Supported by: Friends of the Department of Library and Information Science, National Taiwan University; Graduate Institute of Library and Information Studies, National Taiwan Normal University; Taipei Public Library; National Taiwan University library

Date: October 29, 2005

Place: National Taiwan University Library

Topics:

- Information science theory

- Information retrieval
- Information systems and networks
- Information science education

■ *Presentation on "E-Library Technology and Library Operations in Transformation"*

Sponsors: Department of Library and Information Science, National Taiwan University; National Taiwan University Library; Library Association of China

Organizer: Flysheet Information Services

Date: November 24, 2005

Place: National Taiwan University Library

Speaker: Foster Zhang (System Software Developer, Digital Services Group, Technology Integrations Stanford University Library, U.S.A)

Content: This seminar discussed development of digital technology, the emergence of digital resources, and how they are changing traditional library operation processes and service approaches. The speakers illustrated their lectures with case studies on the Stanford University Library. The seminar also provided an opportunity for exchanges and discussions on the future prospects of library work.

Key discussion points:

- Transition of library operational focus, from librarian appreciation of integrated systems to reader enjoyment of integrated services
- Library space utilization
- Developing e-resource preservation and maintaining the function of library knowledge stores
- Open searching, Googleization, and library response strategies and participation