
2018 Chinese Library Annual Conference and CALA's Involvement

2018 Chinese Library Annual Conference: Library Society of China Annual Conference & Chinese Library Exhibition was held in Langfang, Hebei Province, China from May 30th to June 2nd, 2018. The conference was organized by the Library Society of China and the Langfang Government of Hebei Province under the auspices of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the People's Republic of China.

Almost 4,000 people attended the conference, with 26 delegates from 13 countries and regions. Gloria Perez-Salmeron, President and Gerald Leitner, Secretary General of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and delegates from ALA and CALA were among the attendees.

The conference program consists of four themed forums and six sessions with 24 topics. The four themed forums are: new era, new start, and new development: interpretation and implementation of the public library law; improving the quality of library collection; new era, new action: create a new climate for children's reading; and assessment and rating of public libraries. The six sessions are: library education and national information literacy; modern library management and librarianship development; utilization and innovations of library technology; innovations and practice of library service; library and national reading; and library work and society development. The 24 topics cover a wide variety of library issues ranging from information literacy, MOOCs, ethnic minority libraries, artificial intelligence, data mashup & knowledge discovery, demand-driven service, digital humanities to resource sharing, ancient books preservation, and library and bookstore cooperation.

The Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) presented a session titled "Innovative Library Services and Teaching with Emerging Technologies" at the conference. The session was organized by Michael Bailou Huang, Director of Global Library Initiatives at Stony Brook University. The presentation titles and speakers are listed as follows:

"Time-to-Acceptance modeling for SSCI journals of library and information science" by Le Yang, CALA President 2017-2018, Head of Digital Library & Collection Development, Wenzhou-Kean University, and Jingjing Wu, Web Librarian, Texas Tech University.

"Leadership and partnership: CALA and Chinese libraries contributing to the IFLA global vision planning" by Lian Ruan, CALA Executive Director 2016-2019, Head Librarian, Director of IFSI International Programs, Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

"Robots for books: Building an automated retrieval center for print collections" by Ying Zhang, Head, Acquisitions & Collection Services, University of Central Florida Libraries, CALA President 2018-2019.

"Transforming Stony Brook University Libraries into collaborative spaces" by Michael Bailou Huang, Director of Global Library Initiatives; Full Librarian, Health Sciences Library, Stony

Brook University.

“Next generation shared ILS and shared LSP: Trend in American libraries” by Ping Fu, Professor and Head of Library Technology Services, Central Washington University.

“Universities information literacy education in WeChat environment” by Jinchi Guo, Associate Research Librarian, Reference Department, East China Normal University Library, Shanghai, China, and Jie Huang, Associate Librarian/Special Projects Cataloging Librarian, Cataloging and Metadata Services, Penn State University Libraries.

“Transforming and sustaining family literacy through story times and outreaches” by Shuqin Jiao, Library Regional Supervisor, Arthur F. Turner Community Library, Yolo County Library, California.

“Discovery of students’ learning skills through library statistic to transform or innovate services” by YiPing Wang, Media & Instruction Librarian, Laney Library, Peralta Community College.

“ScholarSphere and Sycamore Scholars - Comparison of two university institutional repositories” by Xiaocan Wang, Emerging Technologies Librarian, Missouri Southern State University, and Jie Huang, Associate Librarian/Special Projects Cataloging Librarian, Cataloging and Metadata Services, Penn State University Libraries.

“eLearning: Online professional development for librarians” by Jingjing Wu, Web Librarian, Texas Tech University Libraries, and Shuzhen Zhao, Bibliographic Services Librarian; Head, Acquisitions/Bibliographic Services, Leddy Library, University of Windsor, Canada.

“Understanding the lack of student engagement in Chinese library science undergraduate education” by Lihong Zhou, Professor, Assistant to the Dean, School of Information Management, Wuhan University, Wuhan, China.

“Transform, think out of the box, connect, collaborate the East Asia, South East Asia and Pacific libraries with US Libraries” by Katherina Lee, Chair, ALA International Relations Committee-East Asia and Pacific Subcommittee.

The Pre-Conference of the 2018 Chinese Library Annual Conference entitled “Reading, the City and Culture: International Forum for Library and Bookstore Cooperation” was held at Sichuan Provincial Library in Chengdu, China from May 28th to 30th, 2018. About 300 people attended the conference. At the meeting, the Silk Road Association of National Libraries was founded with the endorsement of the Chengdu Initiative by the delegates from about 30 countries.

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