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Greetings from my home in Bayside, New York!

My name is Hong Yao, Director of Technical Services of the Queens Public Library. I took over CALA 2020-21 presidency via Zoom Meeting during ALA 2020 Virtua Conference which was unprecedented through CALA’s 47 years history. 2020 is a year full of challenges, to say the least. We’ve seen COVID-19 pandemic sweeps through our country with no sign of slowing down, we experienced the outbreak of racial struggles to end systematic racism and we witnessed the turmoil of presidential election in modern history.

Even though many of us are dealing with all these challenges in our own way, CALA as an organization has shown its resilience collectively. We adapted quickly to the online environment, successfully hosted our annual program virtually with hundreds of attendees in June, established an online “Poster Session” with live exhibition of member projects and had our first 2020 CALA Virtual Social event in October. We stand in solidarity with Black Caucus American Library Association (BCALA) against discrimination. We also work hard in our roles as librarians to provide the public facts to combat the spread of misinformation.

As your president for the term of 2020-21, I am proud of what we’ve accomplished so far and am looking forward to focusing on a couple of more areas that I believe, are vital for the growth of this organization. First and foremost is the member involvement and membership development. Quality programs that highlight member achievements, international forum or exchange initiatives and well-crafted mentoring program will all help drive membership. Secondly I would like to strengthen our relationship with ALA by seeking active roles with ALA’s committees. Thirdly I would seek more collaboration opportunities with other ethnic caucus so that we can stride ahead with a stronger voice for all marginalized groups.

I am hopeful that by working together, we will come out of this pandemic, political turmoil, better and stronger and CALA will thrive on many fronts!

Hong Yao
President, CALA 2020-21
Director of Technical Services
Queens Public Library
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Sent on Behalf of Irene Yeh, Founding Member and President of Chinese Librarians Association (1974-1975) and President of CALA (1987-1988):

We are saddened by the news of Susana Liu's passing. She was surrounded by her family and passed away peacefully on 9/27/2020, at the age of 77, after 15 months of courageous fight with cancer. As a librarian, Susana was a consummate professional committed and dedicated to her career as an academic librarian for over 40 years. Her deep appreciation of library service needs of faculty and students in making full use of library resources led her to move from cataloging department to instructional services at SJSU, California, from where she retired. Countless faculty members and students benefited in their pursuit of higher education from her tireless state of the art hi-tech oriented instructions.

As a colleague, Susana joined the Chinese Librarian Association (CLA) shortly after it was established in California 1974. During the formative years, she served as a versatile board member and eventually as its president in 1982. That year, she guided smoothly the CLA and CALA merger into a national organization, which continues to play a significant role in the ALA organization nationally and internationally.

As a person, Susana is always a woman of grace. With her tall figure and a sense of style, she always stood out the best groomed in the crowd. Her sweet smile and gentle manners is matched with her strong conviction as a career woman and a trustworthy friend. She will be sorely missed.

Please also read her accomplishments in CALA in the 40th anniversary Issue in 2013 (pg 34-35).
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Sincerely,
Irene Yeh

Founding Member and President of CLA, 1974-75
President of CALA, 1987-88
Retired from Stanford University, 2005

The outdoor memorial service for Susana was brief (restricted to 30 minutes under COVID guidelines) but beautifully intimate (many CALA members among the limited # of guests) this morning. About 40 attendees said their final goodbyes to her after the family’s moving statements. I expressed again to her family privately CALA’s condolences.

I have photographed the memorial leaflet (see below) to share with you. Can send to Sally the extra copy obtained if address is provided.

I appreciated the opportunity you had offered me to do one last thing for her by writing the CALA announcement. Now Susana is rejoined with her husband, free from pain and worry, Rest In Peace.

Warm regards,
Irene
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Patty Wong: Susana was a mentor to me as a young new CALA member in Northern CA in the mid 80s. She had an indomitable spirit and a can do attitude. She taught me so much about leadership and she shared that wisdom with all who came her way. She was a great advocate for CALA and engagement with members of all walks of life. She also was a no-nonsense person and always spoke her mind. She never took the easy way out and she always encouraged impactful actions. As an incoming instructor for SJSU SLIS she welcomed all of my questions as a key member of the King Library to better assist my students. She was a great fashion plate – she was always so well dressed and polished, internally and externally. And whenever I participated in another ALA activity she was always there with a kind encouraging note or a little voice in my ear, I will miss her so much. Thank you for letting us know about her passing. RIP Susana.

Hi Ray,
Thanks for sharing this update about Susanna.
When you receive the details for her memorial service, please share those with us as well.
I am saddened by the loss of a CALA life member. Susanna was a strong advocate for CALA and deeply involved throughout the early history of CALA.
In the initial stages of my career, I was fortunate to work with Susanna at the same institution for a few years. I saw the way she promoted CALA membership and events to colleagues and students tirelessly.
In addition, she had a big heart for young professionals and for diversity. She provided candid advice to many students and new librarians on an official or unofficial mentor basis.
Her strength, courage and optimism were impressive during the process of fighting a stubborn disease.
In the last conversation that I had with her, she did not forget to bring up CALA. She missed CALA members and mentioned she would like to meet other members in the springtime when she felt better.
She will be truly missed especially by CALA N-CA chapter members.
Shu-Hua Liu

Yuhfen Diana Wu: I am still absorbing this shocking news. She is not just a colleague but also a very close friend. We have done many things together in promoting CALA and librarianship in general. We've planned for a lunch last year before she started the long-planned treatment, including chemo, radiation and surgery. Unfortunately and sadly that it didn't work out. I feel so bad for not being able to schedule another one. She started the treatment on 9/9/2019 until 11/25/2019 for a total of 12 weeks. She had surgery early this year. It was a long and painful process and yet, she remained optimistic and was certain she would get better so we could get together soon.

Several retired librarians from San Jose State had a virtual reunion on 8/12/2020, she looked good and was very
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optimistic. Who knows that was the last time we were able to see her virtually.

As Shu-Hua mentioned, Susana Liu was always very generous in mentoring younger librarians even though she could be critical, her whole heart was in the librarianship.

She will be missed dearly.

Attached is the memorial service announcement that is scheduled for this Friday. May Susana rest in peace.

All the best,
Diana Wu
CALA President, 2005-2006

I'm so shocked and saddened by the news that my dear friend Susanna Liu had passed away at age 77 due to cancer. My husband Pau and I are Susanna's "old friends" not only by age but also by our early friendship. Susanna and I both attended Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio in the 60s. She graduated in 1966, a year ahead of me. She retired from her professional career at San Jose State University, and I retired from mine at Nebraska Wesleyan University. Due to our busy lives and a long distance in-between, we kept in touch once in a while at ALA conferences or during my visit to San Jose.

I truly agree with what you and Irene Yeh wrote in tribute to Susanna for who she was as a kind, loving person, and her many accomplishments in her professional life. I always admire her elegant beauty and her professionalism in teaching and serving her patrons with her expertise knowledge. I visited her once in her office and she showed me around. We talked a lot about the teaching aspect of our profession since I was a teaching faculty in the Library Science Dept. as well as in charge of the Library Public Services during those years.

Susanna is truly a great role model for our profession, her legacy will be carried on by those who know her.

We Chinese-American Librarians have come a long way! We will leave our footsteps for the young people to follow as Susanna would have wished! I will miss her deeply!

Thanks for letting me express my thoughts!

With best wishes,

Janet C. Lu

Prof. Emerita, Library Information Technology

Nebraska Wesleyan University

Lifetime CALA member

Dear CALA Members and Friends,

Thank you very much, Irene, for your brief but impressive write-up about Susana Liu and thanks Ray for your time and thoughtful efforts for Susana.
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Please be sure to read Susana’s accomplishments published in CALA’s 40th anniversary Issue in 2013 (pg 34-35) for her distinguished career and significant contributions to the library and information profession, especially to CALA. Susana is a role model for generations of librarians. As Irene Yeh told some of us: The article “brings back memories such as her [Susana’s] thoughtful discussions with me on the merger of 1982, which has made CALA a national association for all Chinese American librarians… “.

I am deeply saddened to learn about the great loss of Susana. We have lost a very dear and valuable friend. She was such a beautiful and graceful lady and a true professional leader! I’ll miss her and will remember her in my heart forever!

My deepest sympathy goes to Susana’s family. Please take care of yourselves during this most difficult time. God bless you all.

Sincerely,
Sally Tseng

The ALA Memorial Resolution Honoring Susana Liu

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA) and the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) lost a valued member and a colleague on September 27, 2020, with the death of Susana Liu;

Whereas Susana Liu served as a Librarian in numerous institutions such as San Jose State University, City College of San Francisco, Stanford University, Foothill College, Texas A&M University, Rice University, University of Missouri, Columbia, and Cleveland State University;

Whereas Liu received her Master of Science in Library Sciences from Case Western Reserve University; Master of Arts in Instructional Technology from San Jose State University; Bachelor of Arts from National Chung Hsing University;

Whereas at the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA), she served as President of Chinese American Librarians Association; she made a tremendous effort in merging local associations from the Chinese Librarians Association in California to join the Chinese American Librarians Association in 1983; she served in numerous leadership roles, mentored many CALA members and always encouraged impactful action;

Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. recognizes the significant contributions and accomplishments of Susana Liu over the course of her career and mourns her death; and

2. extends its sincerest condolences to her friends and family.

Mover: Raymond Pun, ALA Councilor at Large, 917-667-6630
Seconder: Patty Wong, ALA President-Elect, Executive Board, 530-848-8768
Melissa Cardenas-Dow, ALA Councilor at Large, 909-793-2030
and Hong Yao, CALA President 2020-2021
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In memory of Susana Juh-Mei Liu October 16, 1942 - September 27, 2020, CLA/CALA
President, 1982
Yuifen Diana Wu, President, 2005-2006

Mrs. Liu graduated in 1963 from National Chung Hsing University, with a BA in Sociology and Social Work in Taiwan. She immigrated to the United States to study Library Science at the Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) in Cleveland, Ohio and received a Master of Science degree in 1966. Upon receiving her MS in Library Science, she has worked at the University of Missouri (Mizzou), Rice University, and Texas A&M (A&M).

In 1974, the family had settled in Silicon Valley, California. She has worked at Foothill Community College and Stanford University, as well as a brief stay at the City College of San Francisco. Eventually, she landed a full-time librarian job in 1978 at the Serial Department, San Jose State University (SJSU) Library. At SJSU, librarians have faculty status that was required to hold a second master degree back in the 80s. To meet that requirement, she went to College of Education to obtain an MA degree in Instructional Technology in 1980. At that time, she worked full-time with two young children. It demonstrated her determination as a goal getter. This requirement of having a second master was challenged and later was removed in the 90s. Susana moved to the Reference & Instruction Department a few years later. She worked in that department until her retirement in 2013 after 35 years of service.

During her long career of more than 40 years, she has devoted all her energy to promote the librarianship. Her heart was especially rooted deep with the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA). CALA is a merged organization between Chinese Library Association (CLA) in California and Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) in the Midwest. She was the President of CLA in 1982 and worked strategically to merge with Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) to become a national organization. The two organizations were officially merged in January 1983, and retained the name Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA). To honor her vision and significant long-term contribution to librarianship and CALA, she received the 2005 CALA Distinguished Service Award.

At SJSU, Susana, Mengxiong Liu, and Diana Wu were the only 3 librarians who spoke Mandarin at that time. We allied as a trio and had developed a very strong bonding. As mentioned above, librarians are faculty. Part of their academic assignments is liaised to the designated academic departments to support research and teaching needs of students and faculty. Susana was a social science librarian, Mengxiong was an engineering librarian, and Diana was a business librarian. We covered a broad spectrum of departments on campus. Our dedication quickly built a reputation among teaching professors and administrators. We received numerous requests to support international students and visiting scholars. Additionally, we have planned and participated in many meetings and events together, locally, nationally, and internationally. Most of the time, we shared a hotel room when going to an out-of-state conference. At SJSU Library, Susana played a unique role in developing Chinese language resources as well as East Asian Collections. With her BA in Social Work, she was not just a liaison to the School of Social Work, she was also assigned to support students with special needs. Her expertise helped the Library to make sure all services were ADA complied.
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At SJSU, she often approached younger library staff or student workers and encouraged them to consider going to the library school. All full-time employees are eligible to receive free education and partial released time. There is a nationally known School of Library and Information Science (now called iSchool: School of Information) right on campus. Some employees did take her advice to prepare them to become a librarian or library professional. As Shu-Hua Liu (N California Chapter President, 2013) mentioned, “Susana Liu was always very generous in mentoring younger librarians, her whole heart was on CALA in particular and librarianship in general.”

During her long and painful treatment, Susana mentioned to Shu-Hua that she’d love to join chapter events when she felt better and well enough to travel.

In June 2019, sadly she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Several retired librarians from San Jose State had a virtual reunion on August 12, 2020, she looked good (proud to have shaved her hair twice) and was very optimistic about treatment to fight the stubborn cancer. Unfortunately, that was the last time we were able to see her beautiful smile.

On September 27, 2020, she was surrounded by her family and passed away peacefully at the age of 77, after 15 months of courageous battle with cancer.

CALA life member Irene Yeh is a long-time family friend of Susana. Irene was a founding member and President of CLA in 1974 when Susana joined the group, and again President of the merged CALA in 1987. She described Susana vividly be sorely missed.”

To sum up, her whole life can be described in 8 words: 仗義豪爽, 光鮮精彩 (righteousness, straightforward, beautiful and glorious).
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From CALA in the 40th Anniversary Issue in 2013 (pg 34-35)

1982 Susana Juh-mei Liu 陳著美

Brief Biography (生平)
Susana Liu has her BA from National Chung Hsing University, M.S. in L.S. from Case Western Reserve University and M.A. in Instructional Technology from San Jose State University. She worked for San Jose State University as a Librarian and the Coordinator of International Students at the University Library. She has served on the Chinese American Librarians Association in many roles. She won CALA Distinguished Service Award in 2005. As told by the Awards Committee chair Ying Zhang, “In her forty-year career, Ms. Liu not only excelled in her various positions in academic librarianship, but also has been recognized for a long commitment to serving the local community as well as library professional organizations. She played an instrumental role in the 1983 merger of Chinese American Librarians Association and the Chinese Librarian Association in California to form a unified voice for Chinese American librarians in the United States. In addition to holding a number of offices in CALA, Ms. Liu has also actively contributed a great deal of her time and energy in professional organizations and committees such as California Library Association. Her tireless efforts in promoting higher education for the Asian community won her several awards and honors by the State of California. As an academic librarian, Ms. Liu has achieved a long record of scholarship and research activities.”
(Sources: http://www.sjsu.edu/people/susana.liu/, http://calaweb.org/node/188)

The Pearls and Citations (拾珠采遺)

“[Please list what you consider the major milestones of your presidency. How have you shaped CALA's history?] [Susana Liu] Contact David Ta-ching Liu and work out the differences and opinions of both organizations in 1982 is the most rewarding thing in my life, since now CALA is so strong and widely known, I feel very proud as a member of CALA.” (From Susan’s email to the CALA 40th Celebration Task-Force)

“CALA/CLA Merge Committee” - Sally Tseng, Cecilia Chen, Eunice Ting. The good news concerning the unity of CALA and CLA provided highlight at the 1982 CALA annual membership meeting held July 14, 1982 at the University of Penn. Van Pelt Library Conference Room. In a progress report on CALA and CLA merger, Cecilia Chen read a letter from CLA President, Susana Liu, that ‘We (Chinese Librarians Association) have decided to accept your recommendation on April 1, 1982, that CLA's Chinese name ‘華人圖書館員協會’ be adopted after the merger, CALA's English name, ‘Chinese-American Librarians Association’ will be retained. Since both associations are sharing the same goals, I sincerely hope that we can work together to build a stronger and better organization...’ CALA members who were at the meeting were pleased with CLA's decision and unanimously endorsed unification under the mutually agreed-upon conditions. At the 1st 1982/83 CALA Board meeting on July 14, with board members’ approval, David Liu, Acting Chairperson for Bessie Hahn, appointed Sally Tseng, Eunice Ting and Cecilia Chen as members of the CALA/CLA Merge Committee to work on the implementation of the merge.”
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(CALA Newsletter, no. 25, September 1982, p.15)

“AWARDS COMMITTEE - Dr. Tsuen-Hsuin Tsien, Professor Emeritus of Chicago University and David Ta-ching Liu, Director of Pharr Memorial Library in Texas, were recipients of the 1985 CALA Distinguished Service Awards. Many thanks to Susana Liu, Chair of the Awards Committee and to her Committee members for the sensitivity and professionalism which they brought to the difficult ask of making recommendations for recipients of CALA’s distinguished service awards. Their independence of thought, originality, and appreciation of scholastic achievements, and most importantly, their great integrity, are deeply appreciated.” (CALA Newsletter, no. 34, Sept. 1985, p.5)

“For the first time, CALA selected librarians to present papers at the Seminar on Library Automation sponsored by the Library Association of China, Republic of China, in August 1988, and at the Library Association of Central Government Units and Scientific Research Networks in the People’s Republic of China in October-November 1988. Such endeavors in international cooperation will be further explored in the future. Irene Yeh, Susana Liu and Daphne Hsueh represented CALA to these two countries; their spending of time and money in this international cultural exchange is worthy of our commendation and respect.”

(Lee, Chang C. The President’s Message. CALA Newsletter, no. 45, Winter 1989, p.1)

“Five CALA members were selected as translators for the first China-United States Library Conference on ‘Global Information Access: Challenges and Opportunities’ held in Beijing, China, August 21-23, 1996... The selected CALA members are: Mia Wang Bassham (Luzerne County Community College), Susana Juh-mei Liu (San Jose State University), Amy Seetoo (University of Michigan), Angela Men-Lin Yang (University of California), and Sha-Li Zhang (Ohio Wesleyan University)...”

(Zhang, Sha Li. CALA Members Serving the First China-U.S. Library Conference. CALA Newsletter, no. 69, February 1997, p.3)

“One of the Foundations Committee's projects, Books to China, chaired by Susana Liu, will investigate and implement the shipping of books to the People's Republic of China and to Taiwan on request in due course.” (Yueh, Norma. President of 1983/84. CALA Newsletter, no. 69, February 1997, p.3)
Members' News

Using Identities and Services to Make a Difference

Lijuan Xu, Associate Director of Research & Instructional Services at Lafayette College, recently co-authored a publication in the *Journal of Academic Librarianship*. Titled, “From coloring the academic landscape to integral players of the community,” the article discusses how under-represented minority librarians can leverage their multitudinous identities, interests, and passions to effect positive changes on their campuses. It illustrates that by expanding their traditional role and by participating in campus-wide initiatives such as advising and mentoring international and first-generation students, minority librarians can make a difference and extend their impact beyond the library, and as a result empower themselves and persist in the predominantly white profession.

The full article is at [https://doi.org/10.1016/j.acalib.2020.102224](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.acalib.2020.102224)


On December 2nd, 2020, Lijuan and her colleague will give a presentation of the same title at the *Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Libraries: Progress and Promise* conference, sponsored by Amigos Library Services.
Chapter Highlights

CALA Northern California Chapter October 2020

Ray Pun, Renee Bu and Shuqin Jiao

CALA Northern California Chapter invited Mr. George Shi to discuss in a webinar, The Ballet “The White Haired Girl” and I, a derivative from part of his memoir, 革命时期的芭蕾 (ISBN-10: 1949736067). “The memoir is not only a personal growth history, but also the history of Chinese Ballet. What’s more valuable is that it reflects the political and cultural changes and ups and downs of our nation,” commented by the famous American-Chinese writer, Geling Yan. The topics in this presentation covered:

- The history of Chinese ballet
- The Ballet “The White-Haired Girl (WHG) and its performance history
- Ms. Jiang Qing and the Ballet WHG
- The Ballet WHG and its diplomatic roles
- The ballet in our lives

The talk had 40 attendees and 71 registered participants. The audience learned many firsthand resources, such as unedited historical pictures and vivid oral history in details. It was a lively webinar with many questions and discussions.

Mr. George Shi graduated from the Shanghai Dance Academy Ballet Department with honors in 1966, majoring in ballet, minority folk dance, Chinese folk dance and Chinese classical dance. He joined the Shanghai Ballet Company as a principal dancer, starring in ballets such as “White Haired Girl”, “Swan Lake”, “War of Miao” and “Red Detachment of Women”, and more. In addition to dance, he also acted in various films and TV credits, “Life’s Trill”, “Bitter”, and “Distant Star” etc. during 1979 to 1987. Mr. Shi came to the United States in 1988 and studied Modern Dance at the University of Utah, Salt Lake City while he taught ballet in Utah Ballet Department. Later, he moved to New York City and started to teach ballet, Chinese folk dance, and European folk dance in a number of arts organizations. During his tenure in the U.S., he continues to perform in different programs such as “Butterfly Lovers”, and “Silk Road Flower Rain”. In 2016, he successfully acted the monkey king, Sun Wu Kong, in ballet “Nutcracker in China” with New Century Dance School. Mr. Shi is now in San Fransico Bay Area teaching adult ballet classes and presenting varies ballet appreciation lectures. For more information about Mr. Shi’s life achievements and career, please visit his website: www.shiballet.com.

Here’s the webinar recording in CALA YouTube Channel.
(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s5x8-SNWf2o&feature=youtu.be)

Information about the program and Northern CA Chapter: https://nca.chapters.cala-web.org/
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IFLA News Briefing

Shali Zhang,
CALA’s IFLA Representative, Dean of Libraries at Auburn University

Upon the invitation from the CALA immediate Past President Fu Zhuo, I am sharing the following information about IFLA.

IFLA is a short version of the International Federation for Library Associations and Institutions, the leading international body representing the interests of library and information services and their users. It is the global voice of the library and information profession.

CALA joined IFLA as a national association member in 2012. It was one of the CALA’s global outreach initiatives under Dr. Min Chou, CALA President in 2011-2012. The proposal for CALA to join IFLA was from former CALA presidents Liana Zhou and Mengxiong Liu. CALA Executive Committee enthusiastically approved the proposal during the 2011 ALA Annual held in New Orleans. Based on the CALA’s membership size, CALA was granted two IFLA standing committees that CALA can send in its nominations: Information Literacy and Library Services to Multicultural Populations. When the nominations are accepted or elected, the nominated CALA members are able to serve on these IFLA standing committees for a four-year term and can also renew for a second four-year term. In addition, CALA members can serve on the IFLA standing committees through their memberships with other national associations in U.S. such as American Library Association (ALA); Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE), Association of Research Libraries (ARL); Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA); Special Libraries Association (SLA), and Urban Libraries Council (ULC).

On August 11, 2020, IFLA issued the IFLA Governance Proposal Working Paper, Inclusive, Efficient, Transparent: Working Paper on IFLA’s Potential Future Governance. This document followed almost a year of discussions involving IFLA’s Governing Board, Members and volunteers. This document sets out a new proposed governance structure for a more inclusive, transparent and effective IFLA. The two main themes of the Working Paper are the major themes and IFLA governance structures:

Part 1 – The Themes

• More transparency, efficiency and collaboration
• Stronger regional representation
• Financial and organizational sustainability
• More varied opportunities for participation, especially for young leaders
• Better support for volunteers

Part 2 – The Structures

• The IFLA Governing Board: will be smaller, more agile, 73 percent directly elected (in comparison with
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currently 65 percent directly elected)

• The Professional Council: called Professional Committee
• The New IFLA Regional Council and Divisions: Provide strong representation of regional priorities across IFLA’s work and in particular on the Governing Board, strengthen advocacy for libraries, create more opportunities for regional participation, make IFLA more visible globally and implement the regional elements of IFLA’s Strategy.
• Advisory Committees (previously called “Strategic committees”): Coordinate related and relevant activities across IFLA, to support IFLA policy development and advocacy, and to support the development of relationships with relevant global and regional organizations on issues for which the advisory committee is responsible.

The full text of the IFLA proposed Working Paper is at

IFLA World Library and Information Congress in 2021 was initially planned to be held in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. Due to COVID-19, the IFLA Governing Board and the Dutch National Committee have made the decision to transition it to a digital conference. According to the IFLA’s announcement on September 22, 2020, the physical conference previously planned in Rotterdam in 2021 will move to 2023; it will take place in a hybrid online/in-person format. IFLA is continuing to plan for an in-person conference in Dublin, Ireland in 2022, with a strengthened online element. I look forward to seeing many CALA members to participate in the IFLA WLIC virtual and in-person events.
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Shali Zhang, Dean of Auburn University Libraries

This year, CALA Executive Committee reactivated the Sally C. Tseng Professional Development Grant. Therefore, this grant adds to a long list of supporting CALA’s funding needs for its members’ professional growths. A big thanks to excellent efforts from the immediate CALA President Fu Zhou and from Haipeng Li, former CALA President and Executive Director. Their tireless efforts working on reactivating this Grant opportunity are very timely. CALA members will resume having the Tseng’s Grant support for their professional activities.

Ms. Sally C. Tseng, past CALA President in 1984-1985 and CALA Executive Director in 1999-2007, contributed the fund to this grant from 2002 to present. As a retired librarian at the research university libraries (University of California, Irvine), Sally has been very passionate in supporting next generation of CALA members in their tenure, promotion, and career growths. Sally understood that many CALA members would not have the needed funding for their research projects, professional services, and conference presentations. Therefore, establishing this grant fund would enable CALA members to advance their professional careers.

Since the beginning of the Sally C. Tseng Professional Development Grant in 2004, it has supported numerous CALA members with their excellent project outcomes. For instance, this grant supported a joint research project by Fu Li and Lisa Zhao’s research project, “Publication: Archives of the Midwest Chapter, Chinese American Librarians Association;” supported a research project by Yunshan Ye, “Building East Asian Studies Collections for College Libraries: Theory and Practice;” provided the fund for Lian Ruan and Jian Anna Xiong’s joint research project, “In Searching of Excellence: Chinese American Librarians in the 21st Century;” and funded the CALA Southern California Chapter’s project of “Exhibition and Symposia on Dr. Sun Yat-Sen and China’s Revolution of 1911.” When Xudong Jin, Guoqing Li, and Haipeng Li needed the fund for their book project, America Libraries in the U.S. in the 21st Century: Theories and Practices,
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Shali Zhang, Dean of Auburn University Libraries

Practices, this grant provided the timely funding support that enabled a team of 11 CALA members to complete their book chapters. Other funded projects for CALA members included the funding support to Haipeng Li’s collaboration efforts with the Library Society of China with an IMLS grant project for CALA; funding for Liana Zhou’s research project, “Sex Education and its History, Progress, and Struggles in the United States;” Ying Xu’s research project, “Beyond Words and Into Action: Library Services for the Language Minorities,” and so on. CALA members’ professional growths were evidenced through these excellent projects and publications that have a lasting impact!

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Date and Time: June 29 (Monday), 2020 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. US Central Time

Format: Zoom Meeting

Present: Fu Zhuo, Lian Ruan, Wenli Gao, Hong Yao, Ying Liao, Leping He, Vincci Kwong, Jianye He, Ray Pun, Ying Zhao, Wenling Liu, Qi Chen, Kuei Chiu, Hong Miao, Suzhen Chen, Grace Liu, Fu Ping, Jia He, Jingshan Xiao, Xiaocan Wang, Michael Huang, Xiaoyin Zhang (Chair of Assessment Committee)

Absent: Ping Fu, Min Tong, Yuan Li, Minhao Jiang, Andrew Yanqing Lee, Yun Li
Minutes taken by Lian Ruan
President Fu Zhuo called to the meeting at 2:09 pm.

Meeting Call to Order and Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

President Zhuo welcomed everyone. Last Board meeting minutes were posted on the CALA Newsletter. Following WHO, Ray Pun made the motion to approve the minutes with the amendment - under other business, change coronavirus to Covid-19. Leping He seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Approval of Today’s Agenda

Qi Chen made the motion. Hong Miao seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

III. President Report

President Fu Zhuo was amazed by CALA leaders and members’ work during the past 6 months. Such a year! His report covered the following areas: 1) Basic situation during the past 6 months; 2) Chapter committee reports; 3) conferences by chapter and Annual Program for CALA; 4) ALA Virtual Conference sponsorship; 5) CALA new strategic plan; 6) CALA involvement in JCLC; 7) Social check in zoom meeting and engagement with members. CALA Life Member Patty Wong was elected as ALA President; 8) CALA founder Dr. Tze-Chung Li’s passing.

We faced challenges to our life. Covid-19 in China. CALA sent out concerns and caring to our members. Established a task force (for Donations to Wuhan and Hubei Libraries) to help. The task force consisted of Lian Ruan (Chair), Shuhua Liu, Qi Chen, Lin Wu and Le Yang. Contacted Library Society of China and libraries in Hubei. CALA was willing to donate money and medical supplies. Covid-19 was so severe and no mail. CALA showed our nice gesture and reached out. CALA was proactive nationally and locally. Even though CALA could not do much, we tried.

During Covid-19 in USA. Increased racial issues against Asia. CALA issued personal/EC statements to join association statements of APALA and ALA to fight against ongoing racial prejudice – CALA’s Statement Against Discrimination at Library Journal Blog and CALA and APALA’s Joint Statement Against Discrimination of Asian Americans, Letter to “Against the Grain” publication. CALA paid more attention and took good care of own members. Yao Hong, CALA President Elect and Vice President sent her reflection to ALA Executive Director Tracie Hall to show CALA standing against racial discrimination. We did the right thing and stood on social justice movement. CALA joined ALA collective efforts. It is climate for this year.

Received 24 committee reports, including reports from the Task Force for Patty Wong’s ALA President Campaign,
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and 5 chapter presidents reports. During this difficult time, our leaders and officers still do their job. President Zhuo share the following concerns raised in the reports:

1. Some leaders strongly mentioned to appoint committee members for two years term. Learning year is the first year. Second year to do the job. Stability of the committee. Two members raised the issue. EC and President Elect are thinking about it.
2. CALA Handbook: Some information has changed but it is needed to be update quicker.
3. Process of award selection. For some scholarship, some members applied several awards. Suggest to have a common form on Google form to fill. That may save some time.
4. Best Book Committee: Add monetary prize to it for all authors, children and adult books.
5. Due to this year Covid-19, CALA did not have any international professional activities. Hope this activity will resume quickly. But it is out of our control. CALA members’ willingness to participate in CALA professional activities. Ask good questions.
6. Hope CALA set goals and objectives early to promote the programs. Clearer goals, better planning. Second half of the year for activities. For the first half year not much going on. Set earlier. Engage members earlier. Benefit our organization.
7. Challenges: Difficult in finding chapter officers to serve at local chapter. EC work out best approaches to encourage members to serve on local chapters. Local chapters try to set up election. Not enough support from national. If local chapter can do at the local level to strengthen web team and allow local chapter to conduct local election.
8. CALA Newsletter explores repository way to keep CALA archives on PDF format. Think other ways to do archives for CALA documents.
9. CALA Facebook. Work out exhibit plans to post some things on FB to promote CALA all year round. Fu’s library changes different exhibits on FB that can apply for CALA FB. Send contents to promote CALA, programs, and Asian heritage. Great idea.
10. SE Chapter President Elect He Jia reported that they need a Web Master but could not find one after sending emails to all members at least 3 times and wondering how to find the officer.
11. Membership committee to expand to other part of the world and explore other payment methods like WeChat payment and Alibaba Pay. Make it easier. Help Asian members to pay membership dues.
12. Assessment Committee to learn some ideas and how CALA implements the new suggestions.

President Zhuo shared their concerns and stated that we’re here to promise to handle all one by one. Live up to their expectation.

Virtual conferences held by chapters. Despite hard year, chapters showed courage and resilience. Strong will to fulfill CALA Strategic Plan and to do professional activities. Canada Chapter conference in January, Southeast and Southwest Chapters joint conference, Midwest Chapter Conference, North California Chapter Conference - all rocked on professional development. Helped members grow. Kudos to them!

Due to Covid-19, ALA canceled the conference for the first time in history. No one expected it. Last Nov. CALA
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Annual Program committee planned the program. ALA invited CALA to join the virtual one. In the end, wonderful program and poster session program online. This was the first time that CALA held both of its annual program and poster session program online. Yao Hong and Vincci Kwong introduced more details. Wonderful experience. Thanks!

With sudden change to ALA Virtual Conference, EC decided to support members to join the conference. ALA Virtual Registration Sponsorship for 80 CALA members ($60 each) would benefit members. CALA deeply committed to support our members. When the program was announced, it was well-received. It’s welcomed by our members. Emphasized strongly support member to grow professionally. This program ends by the end of October this year. CALA Treasure will reimburse 80 members for registration.

Formation of CALA new strategic plan for next 5 years that started on July 1, 2020. Held 5 CALA townhall meetings. Wenli Gao and Lian Ruan will further explain how CALA formatted the plan and plans to implement in the next five years.

JCLC will hold next conference in 2022 in Florida. There are 8 JCLC Committees. Fu Zhuo and Wenli Gao are CALA representative to JCLC. Wenli is Co-Chair of Fundraising & Sponsorships Committee and Fu Co-Chair of Pre-Conferences, Keynotes & Authors’ Events Committee. Each committee needs volunteers, choosing and selecting the programs. I hope CALA to send good representative and volunteers. CALA benefits a lot. Keep presence and show on the committee. CALA volunteers will have a voting power in each committee.

CALA held Zoom Social Check-in Event twice in order to engage our members who worked from home due to Covid-19. Far away from library and friends. Better engagement of our members showing our caring to each other. Turnout was fine. Members across the country showed how to work at home and asked questions about racial discrimination against Asian Americans.

CALA Life Member Patty Wong won ALA Election and the first Asian American who won the ALA President Elect in history. We are proud of her and happy for her. After she announced her campaign for presidency, CALA is one of the first association to endorse her and formed a task force consisting of Shuhua Liu, Shuqin Jiao (Treasurer) and Jingshan Xiao to help Patty’s campaign. Worked very hard to win. CALA participated Patty’s fundraising campaign activities at ALA Midwinter Conference. So many members there. We supported Patty as part of her campaign. We called upon CALA members to vote for her. We are happy about the results. How we better work with Patty. We’ll find programs and the ways to work with Patty and ALA to support CALA.

Dr. Tze-Chung Li, CALA Founder passed away in April. He supported CALA all the time. Due to his insight and contribution, CALA became one of ALA ethnic affiliates, part of ALA caucus. Dr. Li donated funds twice to CALA to recruit student members to join CALA for free. After Li’s death, Weiling Liu set up website in memory of Dr. Li. Also Clement Lau passed away. CALA lost two great members. They are always in our memory. CALA Executive Director Lian Ruan and her students did a memorial brochure for Dr. Li’s family. The brochure is precious with pictures and articles for Dr. Li. Dr. Li served CALA for so long with so many contributions. Sweet memories for making that brochure. In addition to that effort, Qi Chen, Lian Ruan, Katherina Lee solicited donation from Dr. Li’s family on CALA Membership fund and maybe other funds. Still working on that. EC made the proposal with the family. Strong team. Wait for the good news.
IV. Treasurer’s Financial Report

CALA Treasurer Ying Liao made the CALA financial report covering calendar year from January 1 to May 31, first half year for five months. June has not ended yet.

Part I. Profit & Loss. CALA’s income in 4 parts: 1) Direct public support ($48.25); 2) Investment: $1164.88; 3) Major income, ad. for the five months, $6,374.91. This income dropped 1/3 due to Covid-19. Ad. is one of our major income. 4) Membership due, another major income. Compared to last year, Total for $5339.83, plus donation from Amazon smile, $5349.31. This year total income: $12,937.35.


Net ordinary income: $9,030.17

Investment part: due to stock market past few months’ performance, we had some investment lose. Net income: - $28,779.33


The awards will be sent out after today’s meeting. Ask a favor of the Awards Committee to send Ying Liao full name list so she can send out the check to awardees. This is Ying Liao’s last report and she pasted on information to new Treasurer for a smooth transition. In the past, Awards Committee sent out confirmation with the awardees, recipients contact Ying after the conference. Save her time.

Board recognized that Ying Liao has done a lot of work and kept the organization flow. Great job.

Ying Liao reported that she is still in contact with BizCentral, CALA’s Bookkeeping Company to straighten out some accounting errors and she needs some time. CALA Treasurer must provide current information to BizCentral that has worked for CALA for 4 years. The report she gave to Board today is the actual amount. Suzhen Chen, newly elected CALA Treasurer expressed concerns for getting formal documentation about the errors from BizCentral before proceeding the work and completing the transition. President Zhuo asked to discuss this correction further at another meeting as today is to hear financial report. Table it to next Board meeting and Ying Liao will make another report after contacting BizCentral.

How many members applied for the ALA Virtual Conference registration award? As far of now, the total account has not come out as all applications came in individually. Weiling Liu has the full list and Ying Liao will work with her to write a check. All checks will be sent after the conference. The deadline is until October. CALA EC decided that first come and first serve for a total number of 80 awards. CALA members have enough time.
V. Annual Program Summary Report

Vincci Kwong reported that ALA held ALA Virtual Conference and invited CALA to join ALA Virtual. CALA was unaware that ALA would charge for registration. Program was not available. Good attendees of 149 participants. Two speakers: one academic, one Queens Public Library. Talks were really good. ALA Virtual can go back to listen to it. There were 14 posters. Posters were on the website ahead of time for browsing and asking questions. Q&A with 37 attendees. Very interactive. Thank members for program committee - Hong Yao, Vincci Kwong, Len, Yuan, Jenny Chen, Mingyan Li. Worked with local committee. Selected the banquet location, but it did not happen. Local committee selected the location that will be helpful for next year. Will be in Chicago.

President Fu congratulated the Annual Program Committee. First time virtual. Poster session online. Something new. Made history to CALA. Use this year experience to improve future annual program.

Vice President Hong Yao thanked the committee for hard work. Opened door for having opportunity online. No need to wait ALA Midwinter. Chinese American authors series. Well-welcomed. In the future, we open the door for putting online program. This will be a way to engage CALA members. Close to Chinese topics and literature. Great platform. Chinese American authors platform present their work. Big thank you to everyone.

VI. Possible Establishment of a New Chapter – CALA Asia and Pacific Chapter

Moved to after agenda item VIII.

VII. Reinstated of Sally Tseng’s Professional Development Grant

President Fu shared the Sally Tseng’s Professional Development Grant agreement with the Board. Sally Tseng, former CALA Executive Director set up the fund. Seven years ago, missing a formal agreement with CALA stopped issue the grant. After negotiating, with CALA lawyer help, Tseng finally signed the agreement. EC approved. Very nice for CALA to do professional development. $25,000 funds in CALA. Got go ahead from donor to give to CALA members. $1000 amount. Usually CALA has committee set deadline. Recipient writes a report after doing the project. More than $25,000 available. Huge benefit to CALA members. Thank Sally Tseng and other members who donated precious money to support members to grow professionally. Care, support, generosity. Appreciate very much.

Some Board member asked to clarify “Non-political” in the agreement. What does it mean? President Fu will check. By the end of January, the fund had balance around $25,000. The mutual fund went down due to the Pandemic. Very happy to get go ahead from the donor. CALA appreciates the resources available for CALA members. Next year will establish a committee for this award.

VIII. New Strategic Plan Task Force Report

Wenli Gao, CALA Vice President/President Elect (2021-2022) and Lian Ruan, Executive Director shared the planning and drafting process. Created online survey for those who cannot make it to townhall meeting. Held 5 townhall meetings from Feb to April 2020. 72 participants. Shared the meeting results on the CALA listserv and website.

After first draft, shared the Strategic Plan and received comments from all task force members, EC and the Board. After revisions, got proofread by a native speaker.
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Major changes: For Vision, mission & values: Added research and scholarship and advocacy in vision and mission statement; Added Advocacy in values to highlight the importance of having our voice heard; Replace Steward of Resources with accountability to avoid ambiguity. For Goals and objectives: added action verbs to all goals and changed one order of the goals. Made specific target number for membership recruitment and engagement. New emphasis on attending leadership training program. Local chapter development on fostering collaborations among chapters for joint training and joint conference like Southeast and Southwest joint conference. Professional development through digital technologies. Replace ALA ethnic affiliates with National Associations of Librarians of Color recommended by JCLC. Added social justice to impact part. Implementation plan was added. President has the flexibility to select a theme based on the strategic plan. CALA EC, Board and committees to implement the plan with attainable and measurable milestones. All documentation was posted by Weiling at CALA website. It’s a team effort.

Ying Zhang made the motion. Jianye He seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Possible Establishment of a New Chapter – CALA Asia and Pacific Chapter

President Fu shared Katherina Lee’s proposal first and gave a few minutes for Board to read then opened for discussion. The Asia and Pacific Region is adopted by the same region as ALA International Committee and IFLA region. In this case, the proposed CALA Chapter will create synergy in the Greater Region of China, Australia, and Fiji Islands. Members’ membership application will be in USA currency that was a question asked at last time Board meeting.

Board members asked questions: What’s proposed Chapter? Why the name of the chapter? Some said that the name is confusing as proposed as Asia and Oceanic Chapter. How this title sync with ALA and IFLA. How to sync with our current chapter name? Region is very wide and extensive. Asia may go to other places. Our mission is slightly different from ALA.

CALA has eight chapters. We have members in Asian region but no chapter. Forming a new chapter will really strengthen professional activities, create synergy, do more activities, provide networking and support. Fair to those members. Others stated that CALA wants to be inclusive but not too broad like ALA structure or IFLA structure. After all we’re not ALA and IFLA. Some suggested better study the current chapter name and bring tighter with current CALA chapter names. CALA has a list of over 50 members in this region. 10 active members signed the petition of establishing the new chapter. Some members in those regions are very active. Good sign to have a new chapter.

Some Board expressed concerns as CALA is 503c non-profit organization. It is a state organization within USA, including foreign members. CALA may check with CALA lawyer. CALA should be mindful about eight chapters that continue to struggle with getting election and activities going. It is good for CALA to expand to new territory and the new chapter may run into the same issues with finding officers. Back to square 1. More than 4 chapters are having low participation. It becomes more difficult to organize. In today’s political environment, what if establish, it is hard to control. It may become a case that challenges CALA as a whole. For the sake of management, it’s challenging. By the same time, CALA can give them more support and encourage them to join local chapter close to the region like Hawaii to be part of North California.
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Other Board pointed out CALA new strategic priority on strong international impact. Expanding with our members overseas in different regions is promising. Something looks innovative. In that case, we may call the new chapter name as International Affiliate Chapter Outside North America, broader and more inclusive. Sometimes life change, so does our job. Certain change of job goes to another place.

Very good discussion with different opinions but Board has not come to census. Table this proposal to future time. Get back to Katherine Lee to address concerns and questions raised.

X. Assessment Committee Report

Invited Xiaoying Zhao to make the report from Assessment Committee.

The Assessment Committee was charged to evaluate current CALA website. The committee met right away and conducted a survey that the Committee could collect data. Find out current website used by CALA users. In spring, the Committee created a survey for two sections. First section includes all questions we believe participants to share experience and perception about the site. Second section finds out background of participants. After the survey sent out, the Committee got response and feedback. Basically 10% current members responded. Survey findings we had reported in the annual report. Majority of participants responded satisfied. 66%. Over 50% respondents reported that web site contributed to their professional development. More than 50% participants indicated site easy to use. From the data, we more focused on the feedback that indicate areas that require further enhancement. For details findings, read our report. Committee focused on recommendations that send to the Board. Like to see recommendations being addressed and considered and possibly implemented. General recommendations: navigation, reorganization of the content more logically way. Very hard to pin down what do they mean logical way. They want to see some improvement and enhancement, which has played very important role. Close to 60%, we added a side search box to accessibility. To look at the menu left side. If we could have a search box, type keyword, subject they want to search, to find, information about. Recommendation Main Page for lots of people. Increase coverage. What coverage they are looking for? No response. Last possible Chinese version of the site. Committee can do English to Chinese vise visa. Something we would love we have. 5 recommendations. Feedback. Survey. Summarize. We would like to see leadership to consider enhancing the implementation. We have 400 members. Sent out 3 reminders. 50 people responded. % is relatively low. Give some hints. Some information regarding how well CALA website being utilized.

Second part of questionnaire. Background of participants. 66% basically from public and academic libraries. Majority are CALA members. Most of them in the libraries more than 4 years. Some in the field more than 10 years. On behalf of committee, let board members and leadership we would like to see some kinds of enhancement to be implemented to help members to increase the use of the site. Help ultimately to use the CALA site more often. Help stay professional development, get more involved with CALA.

President Zhuo thanked Zhao and her committee for creating this document. Get feedback from 10% members that have deep feel about our CALA website. We understand CALA members busy but they reviewed our website. Some room to improve easy and quick access. Zhao appreciated President Zuo’s support.

President Zhuo will pass the report to EC and get implementation done this or next year. It will be ongoing efforts.
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XI. 2020 CALA’s Awards

We appreciated those people shine and excellent job. President Zhuo announced CALA awards on the listserv. Invite Board and CALA members to join Award Zoom Event tomorrow (June 30) at central time.

XII. Lisa Zhao’s Scholarship

Lisa Zhao, CALA President (2013-2014) was CALA life member and did lots of work for CALA. Passed away so early. Such a great president. Zhao’s colleague started the fund in memory of her after her passing. CALA members donated some money to the fund. After 2017, her husband donated for year or two and originally planned to donate $10,000 to the fund to support CALA. But CALA is still working on the agreement with her husband. To continue Lisa Zhao’s scholarship awards, table this to next year. Give CALA Fundraising committee to discuss this to raise funds or transfer CALA fund to support it. Will follow CALA guidelines. Let her good will continue and maintain that for our organization.

XIII. Other Items

President Zhuo thanked for everyone’s support. Board thanked President Zhuo for his leadership for the whole year. He has done a great job.

Hong Yao made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Zhang Ying seconded it.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.
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Haiyang Yu and Lianglei Qi

“All for readers, and for all readers.” Time and tide wait for no man, Jiangxi provincial public library established in 1920, renamed as Jiangxi Provincial Library in 1955; in 1995, the library moved over North HongDu Avenue from Baihuazhou; New building of the library was selected to be built at Phoenix Island Site in Red Valley Beach New District in 2015… Jiangxi Provincial Library has experienced a century of ups and downs and changes in the times, always adhere to its original concept of opening the library, uphold the original intention of "inheriting civilization and serving the society", pave the way of light and dreams for readers.

In between June-July 2018, Jiangxi Provincial Library held a solicitation for the emblem design for the new library from the whole society. This activity was in charged by the local librarian Mr. Yu, Haiyang and helped with Ms. Qi, Lianglei. A total of 274 pieces of works were submitted from 19 provinces, municipalities and regions of the whole nation, such as GuangZhou, FuJian, JiangSu, SiChuan and HeBei etc. Mr. Yu, Haiyang invited experts and professors from Jiangxi Artists Association, School of Fine Arts, Jiangxi Normal University, and School of Art and Design, Nanchang University etc., formed the expert review panel and voted openly. The final winner Mr. Jiao, Debin from Heilongjiang was selected.

The new logo looks like an open book, also represent a flying red flag, at the same time, matches up with the Chinese characters “Jiang” as well as its pronunciation and connotation. The hot red color and streamlined design represents the youthful atmosphere of the local librarians as well as thousands of years of cultural heritage and profound cultural connotations of Jiangxi.

On September 27th, 2020, located on the second floor of the new building of Jiangxi Provincial Library, No.666 Ganjiang North Avenue, Nanchang, 1,000 recitation enthusiasts from various units in Nanchang celebrated the opening of the new library by recitation in unison. To celebrate the opening of the new library of the Jiangxi Provincial Library, the thousand-person reading activity was jointly hosted by CCTV Two, the host of the "Chinese Poetry Conference" Ms. Long, Yang and the Jiangxi Provincial Library librarian Mr. Jin, Wei.
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Massive collection of books: Ten million books, with a daily reception capacity of 20,000 people

The new Jiangxi Provincial Library building is located at No. 666 Ganjiang North Avenue, Honggutan District, covering an area of 63,000 square meters with a total construction area of 96,000 square meters. The new building has 7 floors, including 1 underground and 6 above ground. Collection of 4.02 million copies, 1.37 million open-shelf books and periodicals, 1.67 million e-books, and 251 TB of digital resources. It is the comprehensive provincial library with the largest scale, the largest collection of books and the most complete system in Jiangxi Province. The total investment is nearly 1 billion yuan. The designed collection of 10 million volumes, the existing collection of 4.02 million volumes, 6000 seats for reading, and the maximum daily reader capacity reaches 20,000. Ranked among the top three nationwide by scale and has been rated as the “National first-level library” since 2017. The new library fully demonstrates the artistic characteristics of humanistic care, energy saving, environmental protection, and intelligent modernity. It is a multifunctional, compound, and open modern library.

Cultural landmarks: Carry out national reading, famous lectures, cultural forums

The spacious and bright new provincial library, offers senseless borrowing service for face recognition. VR trial listening experience area and other high-tech service equipment are all available. Up to now, the total amount of paper documents in the library has reached 4.02 million volumes, and the digital resource collection has exceeded 251TB. The focus is on strengthening the construction of characteristic literature resources, forming a collection system with Jiangxi characteristics, and more than 50,000 volumes of red literature have been selected. Mr. Tao, Tao, director of the Jiangxi Provincial Library, introduced that the new library is not only a place for cultural reading, but also will continue to carry out various cultural activities such as national reading, calligraphy and painting exhibitions, famous lectures, cultural forums, cultural and creative product exhibitions, and youth reading days. They make the library truly a new landmark of cultural activities in Jiangxi Province. As the knowledge and cultural exchange center of Jiangxi Province, in addition to traditional paper book reading, the Children's District has also created a smart playground to provide readers with services such as digital reading and multimedia equipment use. Audio-visual chairs, calligraphy tables, interactive grounds, parkour English, idioms contest and other digital experience equipment, pottery bar, fire display and other experience areas, let children of different ages find their own reading area here.
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Digital books: Technology Empowers Reading, seamlessly docking in the 5G era

The library is also the intersection of science, technology and humanities. Science and technology empower reading, and Jiangxi Library has its own "Strategies": with the emerging of the 5G era, Jiangxi Library has created a new digital library that includes integrated services of paper, electronic and digital resources. Readers only need to move their fingertips to see the documents they want. Through the use of new technologies such as big data, cloud computing, and the Internet of Things, it can realize senseless borrowing and personalized literature resource push, and create distinctive reading spaces, such as electronic reading rooms, maker spaces, audio-visual experience areas, red literature libraries, and local Literature reading area, etc., to bring readers a more convenient and pleasant reading experience. At the same time, through the book circulation stations and via palm library, WeChat library as well as 24-hour libraries to carry out book lending, Jiangxi Provincial Library is greatly improving the utilization rate of its literature resources, as well as expanding its reader and user groups.

Tasting Jiangxi: the collection of ancient books ranks first in the province, feel the rich culture here

Jiangxi has a profound historical and cultural heritage, inheriting a huge number of ancient rare books. As a key protection unit of ancient books in the country, the Jiangxi Provincial Library has continuously optimized the restoration, excavation, sorting, revealing and utilization of ancient books over the years, so that the words hidden in the ancient books really "live", and nearly 40,000 rare books have been sorted out. The collection ranks first in the province, and all four parts of Jing Shi Zi Ji are available. 106 ancient books have been selected into the "National Catalog of Precious Ancient Books". Meanwhile, the new library also added special spaces such as ancient book experience area, smart reading space and red literature library to provide readers with convenient and intelligent modern public cultural services.

The opening of the new library of Jiangxi Provincial Library will be a new historical starting point, and it will also usher in new opportunities and challenges. All Jiangxi Library people did not stop and set sail with full enthusiasm to innovate Jiangxi Provincial Library century-old glory.
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