

CALA/NE Chapter Mid-Year Report July, 2009 – June, 2010

1. Hosting Chinese librarian visitors

As part of the Think Globally, Act Globally project, CALA Northeast chapter hosted Chinese Librarians (in 2009) Mr Liu Xiaoqing and Mr. Wang Huijun and (in 2010) Ms. Li, Zhuo,(Deputy Director, Tianjin Library), Mr. Zhang, Daoyao (Director of Network Centre, Heilongjiang Provincial Library), Mr. Wu, Zheng (Director, Dept of Information Technology Applications, Nanjing Library), Ms. Wu, Yue, (Librarian and International Cooperation Coordinator, Library Society of China (LSC), National Library of China).

In 2009, the librarian visitors spent time in Queens Central Library, Brooklyn Public Library, and Mid-Manhattan Library. In 2010, the librarian visitors will visit Rutgers University, Queens Library, and Brooklyn Public Library. They will discuss with library directors, department leaders, and librarians on issues about library development. They will give presentations at the various Northeast programs.

During both visits, the Northeast Chapter arranges members to pick them up from and drop them off at airports in addition to accompanying them in their entire trips. Our member volunteers spend their own money and time on the events. For example, Esther Lee bought two Show tickets for them (two worthy \$300.00). Without our members working together, the programs would not succeed.



In 2009

2. Helping organize the 6th Annual Joint Mini-Conference

In the Mini-Conference in New York City on May 14, 2010, Sha Li Zhang, the Immediate Past President of CALA, gave a talk on “Preparing the librarians with diverse backgrounds for tomorrow: A collaborative project in North Carolina.” Judy Xiao, Secretary of CALA Northeast Chapter, had a presentation on “Teaching Cultural Competence in Nursing Care,” and Frank Xu presented “Eliminating Language Barriers towards Equal Access.”



(From right second Frank Xu, Sha Li Zhang)



(From right Judy Xiao)

3. Organizing other events

On May 26, 2010 Northeast Chapter invited Chinese Librarian Pan Lan to give a talk about Shanghai Normal University's libraries at Queens Public Library Flushing Branch. Many of our members met with the presenter to exchange ideas about international librarianship.

On December 12, 2009, CALA Northeast Chapter and several other organizations co-sponsored a program on “Memorial Service for the Death of Iris Chang and the Rape of Nanking” in East Brunswick NJ. Haipeng Li and other chapter members were interviewed by the TV station. Haipeng emphasized that as librarians we not only collect and preserve information but also promote readings. We want more people to know the truth of the Nanking genocide. Many our members attended the program from New York City.

The Northeast Chapter held not only academic programs but also entertainment projects such as a show for “Mary Poppins” on Oct. 25, 2009.

CALA’s web committee ,Vincci Kwong, helped our chapter successful complete an election for our new board members

Chapter’s president created a Northeast Chapter member’s email list to facilitate information exchange and disseminate chapter’s program information. In order to better to serve our members, chapter’s president conducted a membership survey to ask members what kind of programs they wanted to attend and to ask for suggestions. The survey received positive responses and ideas.

Our chapter has been growing. Six new members joined our chapter. Every new member received a welcome letter from chapter's president, and the member's name was added to the member's list.

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CALA Northeast Chapter President

Lina Ding
CALA Northeast Chapter Vice President

Judy Xiao
CALA Northeast Chapter Secretary

Hung-Yun Chang
CALA Northeast Chapter Treasure

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