



CALA: Bridges for Chinese-American Librarianship in the 21st Century

美國華人圖書館員協會(CALA): 21世紀的中美圖書館事業交流的橋樑 (Sharon Hu, Qi Chen, Lisa Zhao)

We are celebrating the 40th anniversary of CALA (1973-2013). During 40 years, CALA has initiated and organized many workshops and conferences in China to share librarianship with Chinese librarians. One of the significant programs is the **CALA 21st Century Librarian Seminar Series: "Sino-U.S. Forum on Library Practices"**. This seminar series was initiated by CALA Midwest Chapter in 2006 and became CALA's major international exchange program. The seminars intend to introduce best

practices in library science to Chinese counterparts, to promote librarianship and build close relationships between the two countries. Up till 2012, the seminar has had **14 series** in both **mainland China and Taiwan, in Yunnan, Shanxi, Jilin, Hubei, Shanghai, and Taipei. Sixty-seven CALA members** presented in both academic and public libraries and around **1,500 Chinese librarians from more than 330 libraries attended the seminars**. Various topics presented and discussed included library

management, trainings and professional development, digital library and digital repositories, web design and networks, technology and information systems, reference and user services, electronic resources management, collections development and resources sharing, consortium and collaborations, as well as other more updates and issues about libraries.

See details for all seminar series at:
<http://tiger.uic.edu/depts/lib/projects/resources/calawm/project/workshop.shtml>

No.	Date	Program Theme / Location	Members from ALA/CALA	Participants in Seminar	Number of Institutions
	2012/2013	(NOTE: See picture with P# at the right side)			
(P1)	Jul. 5-9, 2012	Library construction and development in multicultural contexts / Kunming-Yunnan	5	200	28
	2009/2010				
(P2)	Jul. 5-8, 2010	Information Services at Digital Networks Environment / Kunming-Yunnan	7	250	30
(P3)	May 24-26, 2010	The current concerned issue in academic libraries / Taiyuan-Shanxi	7	110	31
	2008/2009				
(P4)	Nov. 18-20, 2009	Library Development, Collaboration and Sharing in the New Information Era/ Shanghai	4	113	31
(P5)	Aug. 10-14, 2009	In Search of Excellence: Library Management in the New Age / Taiwan	3	70	15
(P6)	Nov. 10-14, 2008	Management and Technology for Academic Libraries / Taiwan	3	50	10
(P7)	Oct. 23-25, 2008	Academic library management, services, collection development in the network environment / Wuhan-Hubei	7	60	30
(P8)	Jul. 10-13, 2008	Academic library Administration and Library Development / Kunming-Yunnan	6	190	50
	2007/2008				
(P9)	Dec. 15-18, 2007	Sino-US Seminar on Public Library Practice / Dongguan-Guandong	3	46	12
(P10)	Jul. 2-4, 2007	Development of Chinese and American Libraries: Theories and Practices / Changchun-Jilin	3	116	36
(P11)	Jul. 9-11, 2007	Academic Librarianship: Practical Issues / Taiyuan-Shanxi	5	65	12
(P12)	Jul. 9-12, 2007	Leadership for Library Management, and Resources Sharing in the Society / Kunming-Yunnan	5	150	34
(P13)	Jul. 16-18, 2007	Development for Services and Management of Public Libraries / Kunming-Yunnan	4	100	25
	2006/2007				
(P14)	Jul. 17-21, 2006	Sino-US Seminar: 21st Century Librarianship / Kunming-Yunnan	5	100	23
	Total Number		67	1536	339

<p>(P1) Yunnan Univ. of Nationalities, July 2012</p>	<p>(P2) Yunnan Agricultural University, July 2010</p>	<p>(P3) Shan Xi University, May 2010</p>	<p>(P4) Huadong University, Shanghai, Nov 2009</p>
<p>(P5) National Taiwan Normal University, Aug. 2009</p>	<p>(P6) National Taiwan Normal University, Nov. 2008</p>	<p>(P7) Wuhan University, Oct, 2008</p>	<p>(P8) Yunnan University of Science and Technology, July 2008</p>
<p>(P9) Dongguan Public Library, Dec. 2007</p>	<p>(P10) Northeast Normal University, July 2007</p>	<p>(P11) Shanxi Agriculture University, July 2007</p>	
<p>(P12) Yunnan Normal University, July 2007</p>	<p>(P13) Yunnan Provincial Library, July 2007</p>	<p>(P14) Yunnan University, July 2006</p>	