



## cover story

### Travel with a Book in New Taipei City

Are you bored staying at home? Are you worried about the crowds, yet unsure where to go for a short outing? This year, New Taipei City Library has organized a series of activities that inspire you to "Travel with a book." We have invited writers, local historians and businesses to partner with us, and designed numerous activities that involve both reading and guided tours on the City's culture and history landmarks, plus natural environment and local businesses. Please join us for some fresh air and get to know more of our beloved City.

#### Theme 1: Reading on the Road

Upon our invitation, writers Liu Ke-xiang, Wang Ho-yi, Li Wei-wen and several local historians in the City will serve as guides of several informative day trips. They will take us to the streets in Pingxi, township of Sanxia, the wetlands in Wugu and the likes. We invite you to join us in these unique places, even if you've been to them before. With our knowledgeable guides, our activities will open your eyes to new discoveries.

#### Theme 2: Reading with the Insiders

Local businessmen and historians will join us from Banqiao's Wenchang Street, Wulai's indigenous settlements and signature shops in Taishan to share the insider's experience in running a business, and being part of the cultural promotion programs. Their story will give us a new insight into our local communities. Don't miss these incredible opportunities.



#### Theme 3: Reading as a family

We invite you to team up with your family in exploring built heritage, natural environment, food, historic streets, agricultural activities and life culture. We have also set up a wide range of exciting experiential activities. Join us for a taste of local flavor.

#### Theme 4: Reading the locals

New Taipei City Library has since launched a "Local Knowledge Repository" in seven branches throughout Pingxi, Luzhou Chang'an, Xinzhuang Zhonggang, Shiding, Shulin, Sanxia and Yingge. We exhibit historical records, books, audiovisual material and old images based on the local history and development. Why not pay our branch libraries a visit to learn more about our distinctive communities?

Our "travel with book" activity series will incorporate exhibitions of local history material. Through visiting places in books, with coaching from celebrated experts, we hope our readers can learn and experience in person the unique local culture and living memory. These activities will connect you with the local community, be mesmerized by the creativity sprang from the old and new, and be charmed by the rich flavors across New Taipei City. Secret wonders are hidden in all

corners in our daily life!

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, we are committed to creating a healthy and safe environment. We will take precaution and provide facial masks and hand sanitizer, as well as taking participant's temperature upon entry. We will also be giving souvenirs away. Do make time to come and see us.



### Travel with a Book in New Taipei City

- Now Until 10/31
- New Taipei City Library  
139, Guixing Rd. Banqiao District, New Taipei City  
02-2953-7868#8010
- www.library.ntpc.gov.tw



### Into the Mines- Reading a Golden Route

The Shuijinjiu area of the New Taipei City contains numerous former mining sites, documenting the industry and its intertwined history with the local life. This exhibit regards the relic mining sites as a classical text that could be explored and perused through the "gold rush route," and guides the audience on a journey through valleys and planes of the mines.



- Date Now Until 07/26
- Venue Gold Museum, New Taipei City Government



- No. 8, Jinguang Road, Ruifang District, New Taipei City
- 02-2496-2800
- 09:30-17:00 (Closed on the first Monday of each month)
- Taipei-Jinguashi: Taking bus route 1062 at the Exit 2 of Zhongxiao Fuxing MRT Station via Jiufen and get off at Jinguashi.

### Subtropical Garden: Painted Ceramics of Our Era

This exhibition brings to you, all at once, the colored porcelains that acknowledge the motif of the unique yet precious Formosan landscape and flora and fauna. Through the historical trajectory, the audience will experience the porcelain colors that define our era, and the inspirations promised by the rare animals and vegetation.



- Date Now Until 09/20
- Venue New Taipei City Yingge Ceramics Museum



- No. 200, Wenhua Road, Yingge District, New Taipei City
- 02-8677-2727
- 09:30-17:00 (Closed on the first Monday of each month)
- Take a commuter train to Yingge train station, the museum is a 10-minute walk from the Wenhua Rd. exit.

### Savoring Tea: Exploring Senses and Mind

With "sensual tea tasting" as theme, this show adopts scientific analysis to explore the relationship between human senses and tea tasting. Through innovative interactive technology, you will get to "see" the exhibits while experiencing firsthand the tea tasting methods and knowhow with your intuit and senses.



- Date Now Until 11/08
- Venue Pinglin Tea Museum of New Taipei City



- No. 19-1, Shuisongqikeng, Pinglin Dist., New Taipei City
- 02-2665-6035
- 09:00-17:00 (Closed on the first Monday of each month)
- Take the MRT to Xindian Station. Transfer onto the Xindian Bus Service, and take the 923 or Green 12 (G12). Get off at the stop for Pinglin Junior High School. The Museum is a 5-minute walk away.

### "The Battle of Tamsui" Story Hall

What were the hongts in Tamsui like during the Sino-Franco War in 1884? We will present the history of this battle in a leisurely manner, and reveal to you the details of the export trade of the nineteenth-century Tamsui Harbor, as well as the role played by hongts in the region at that time.



- Date Now Until 12/31
- Venue Douglas Lapraik



- No. 316, Zhongzheng Rd., Tamsui Dist., New Taipei City 251, Taiwan (R.O.C.)
- 02-2629-9522
- 09:30-19:30 (Closed on the first Monday of each month)
- MRT Tamsui station is the terminal station, then take buses R26 ,836 or 857 to Little White House, then walk back to Zhongzheng for about 100 meters.

## Wine Bar- Asian Drinking Culture

This exhibition is co-curated by the New Taipei City Shisanghang Museum and the National Museum of History. The drinking utensils and historical records provide a trajectory of the East Asian drinking culture, and the interactive experience between the East and the West. The objects are eager to tell their stories, and those stories are full of nuanced flavor and an exquisite aftertaste.



**Date** Now Until 06/21  
**Venue** Shisanghang Museum of Archaeology



- 📍 No. 200, Museum Road, Bali District, New Taipei City
- ☎ 02-2619-1313
- 🕒 09:30-17:00 (Closed on the first Monday of each month)
- 🚶 MRT → Tamsui MRT Station → Ferry → Shuttle Bus Red No. 13 Shisanghang Museum of Archaeology; or Ferry → Shuttle Bus Red No. 22, Bus No. 704 → Ren'ai

## Guided Tours

The Lin Family Mansion and Gardens is listed as national heritage. It is the most intact among the traditional gardens in Taiwan. Its loggia, ponds and buildings retain their original charm and look. Our dedicated volunteer team provide four guided tours per day, with an extra session available on public holidays. Japanese and English tours can be booked in advance.



**Date** Now  
**Venue** The Lin Family Mansion and Garden



- 📍 No. 9, Ximen Street, Banqiao District, New Taipei City
- ☎ 02-2965-3061#23
- 🕒 09:00-17:00 (Closed on the first Monday of each month)
- 🚶 Take Banqiao Line (Blue line) to Fuzhong MRT Station, and leave by Exit 1. The Garden is an 8-minute walk from the station.

## 2020 New Taipei City Graduation Festival

Our graduate exhibition is a feast of arts created by young artists across Taiwan, which has been on tour throughout the five major cultural venues in New Taipei City. The exhibition include works of mixed media by the recent graduates of the Fine Arts and Sculpture departments, National Taiwan University of Fine Arts, and of the Applied Arts Department, Fu Jen University. They are now showing in the New Taipei Arts Center. This is the arts exhibition with the greatest youthful energy you will ever lay eyes on!



**Date** Now Until 06/29  
**Venue** New Taipei City Arts Center



- 📍 No. 62, Zhuangjing Rd., Banqiao Dist., New Taipei City
- ☎ 02-2253-4417
- 🕒 09:00-17:00 (Closed on the first Monday of each month)
- 🚶 Take the MRT Bannan Line (Blue Line) and get off at Xinpu Station, turn right after exit from exit 4. Get across the street, walk straight until reaching the Lane182, Sec.2, Wenhua Raod and turn right. Continue walking along the way for about 3 minutes before you arrive.

## Xinzhuang Culture and Arts Center- A headquarter of cultural preservation and promotion

Our building has a façade constructed mainly with red brick, embellished by light green and grey tiles. The building design comprises both rectilinear and circular forms. It is a multifunctional arts center whose space caters to a wide variety of activities. Our spaces include concert hall, arts space, periodical room, reading room, and Taiwanese puppetry heritage center, providing a wide array of arts and cultural access to our users.



**Date** Now  
**Venue** Xinzhuang Cultural Arts Center



- 📍 No. 133, Zhongping Rd., Xinzhuang Dist., New Taipei City
- ☎ 02-2276-0182
- 🕒 09:00-17:30 (Closed on the first Monday of each month)
- 🚶 Take "Nangang Exhibition Hall-Yongning" line and get off at Xinpu Station. Then, take bus No. 805 or Blue No. 18 at MRT exit No. 5 and get off the bus at the "Xintai Swimming Pool" Stop.

## Light and Sound in Ari No Mochi

Arinomichi is a secrete passageway built in the Japanese colonial era. It was used to transport munition. With ten exits in total, arinomochi's partitions and walkways were laid out in a cruciform manner, protecting both the munitions and workers. After the area became the residence of military families, the arinomochi became the ideal secrete venue for children's games and adventures.



**Date** Now  
**Venue** Air Force San-Chong Village



- 📍 Ln. 86, Zhengyi S. Rd., Sanchong Dist., New Taipei City
- ☎ 02-2979-1815
- 🕒 10:00-18:00 (Closed on the first Monday of each month)
- 🚶 Take the "Zhonghe Xinlu Line - Luzhou Line" and get off at "St Ignatius High School Station" or "Sanhe Junior High School". Transfer to Bus No. 221 or 306 to get off at "the end of Zhenyi South Road"

## The symphony of fabric

Amongst the Taiwanese indigenous communities, the Atayal people are known for their weaving skills. Their traditional costumes are mostly woven with ramie, then interwoven with colored wool or with shell decoration. The costumes includes top, vest, kerchief, skirt and headdress. Colors vary from region to region.



**Date** Now  
**Venue** Wulai Atayal Museum New Taipei City



- 📍 No. 12, Wulai St., Wulai Dist., New Taipei City
- ☎ 02-2661-8162
- 🕒 09:30-17:00
- 🚶 Take the MRT Xindian Line to the last stop at Xindian Station, transfer to Sndian Bus No. 849 and get off at Wulai, the terminal station.

## Eperimental Game Show – Recombinant Game DNA

This program present the endless possibilities and creativity of game-design. Our games include the ones of virtual-reality, augmented reality and alternative reality game. Party game and PC games are also available. Through "playing," you will develop a new perspective of the "game" media.



**Date** Now Until 05/31  
**Venue** Fuzhong 15



- 📍 No 15, Fuzhong Road, Banqiao District, New Taipei City
- ☎ 02-2968-3600#211
- 🕒 09:30-18:30 (Closed on the first Monday of each month)
- 🚶 Taking MRT Line 5 to Fuzhong Station, Exit via Exit No 2. The Gallery is located approximately 40 meters at the rear of the Exit. Alternatively, exit MRT station via Exit 1, turn right at the rear of the Gate, cross the Road and proceed straight ahead. Approximately 3 minutes to the Gallery.

## 435 Art Zone

This is a public space for experiencing and making arts. Our venue is always in use for performance and classes, as well as being a workspace for our artists-in-residence. Outside our center is a grassed civic square of 1.6 acres in size. It is our citizens' favorite natural spot and a beautiful outdoor recreational space.



**Date** Now  
**Venue** 435 Art Zone



- 📍 No. 435, Zhongzheng Rd., Banqiao Dist., New Taipei City
- ☎ 02-2969-0366
- 🕒 09:00-17:00 (Closed on the first Monday of each month)
- 🚶 Take the MRT Blue Line and get off at Banqiao Station. Leave the station from Exit 2 and transfer to the Bus No. 310, 307, 810, 857 or 786 and get off at "Banqiao Junior High School, Banqiao 435 Art Zone."

## A Tribute to Hakka Wisdom- Liu Da-zhi Solo Exhibition

One of the highlights of the show is the Viaduct, a homage to the Hakka forefathers, who conquered the area's treacherous mountains and constructed efficient irrigation systems. The exhibits also capture notable Hakka landmarks across Taiwan, including the Bogong temples, Hakka clan and ancestral halls, historic mansions and nuomi ("glutinous rice") bridge. It is our hope that this show will inspire a love for the Hakka culture, helping us to preserve it for our posterity.



**Date** Now Until 05/28  
**Venue** Hakka Museum New Taipei City Government



- 📍 No. 239, Longen Street, Sanxia District, New Taipei City
- ☎ 02-2672-9996
- 🕒 09:00-17:00 (Closed on the first Monday of each month)
- 🚶 MRT → get off at Yongning station (Blue line), then take Taipei Bus No. 917, get off at Dingpu station (Blue line), then take Taipei Bus No. 981.

## 2020 New Taipei City Graduation Festival

From this day, we will be hosting graduate exhibitions in the following order: Fine Arts Department of the National Taiwan Normal University; Applied Arts Department, Fu Jen University and Fashion Design Department of Shi Chien University. This is the arts exhibition with the greatest youthful energy you will ever lay eyes on!



**Date** Now Until 06/29  
**Venue** New Taipei City Yongan Arts Center



- 📍 2F., No. 390, Zhonghe Rd., Zhonghe Dist., New Taipei City
- ☎ 02-2929-8830
- 🕒 11:00-19:00 (Closed on the first Monday of each month)
- 🚶 Take the MRT Orange Line and get off at Yongan Market Station.