Developing the International Library Community in the Digital Age through Collaboration and Partnership

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Agenda

• 1. Overview
• 2. Chinese Librarian Scholarly Exchange Program (CLSEP)
• 3. IFSI Visiting Scholar Program
1. Overview

• The Illinois Fire Service Institute Library has been working on developing the international library community in the digital age through collaboration and partnership for many years.

• The best practice of two signature programs, Chinese Librarians Scholarly Exchange Program (CLSEP) (2005-present) and IFSI Visiting Scholars Program (2008-present).

• Both two programs have built a strong bridge for participants and scholars, which provides them an opportunity to interact with librarians, faculty, and students about ideas, approaches, and experiences of innovative services.
1. Overview

• The participants and scholars made impressive contributions to promote scholarly exchange, enhance international communications, and build the international library community in the digital age.

• It is hoped that the stories and experiences shared here would be useful and insightful for future practices.
2. Chinese Librarians Scholarly Exchange Program (CLSEP)

• The Chinese Librarians Scholarly Exchange Program (CLSEP) is hosted by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, involving the participation of many other university libraries. It has been run successfully for the past 15 years (2005 - 2019).

• During the program, participants will gain experience of the latest achievements from more than 10 of the most world-famous university libraries.

• Such as the libraries of Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Yale University, Princeton University, Columbia University, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, University of Chicago, Washington University in St. Louis, Stanford University, University of California Berkeley, the Library of Congress, and the U.S. most influential public libraries in New York, Boston, and San Francisco.
2. Chinese Librarians Scholarly Exchange Program (CLSEP)

- Participants will communicate with these library directors, professors, and professional librarians about advanced working ideas and experience of innovative practices.
- The program will provide an excellent opportunity for Chinese library directors, administrators, teaching staff, and researchers in expanding horizons, opening up minds, enhancing ability of innovation, and promoting international communications.
- So far, the program has received 411 library directors, librarians, teaching staff, and researchers from 142 universities and institutions, such as Peking University, Wuhan University, Nanjing University, Zhejiang University.
2. Chinese Librarians Scholarly Exchange Program (CLSEPA)

Distribution of Participants in China (2005-2019)

- **142** institutions
- **411** librarians
2. Chinese Librarians Scholarly Exchange Program (CLSEP)

Participants Infographics

AGE OF CHINESE LIBRARIAN SCHOLARLY EXCHANGE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS (2005-2019, N=411)

- Age 20-29: 29%
- Age 30-39: 29%
- Age 40-49: 43%
- Age >50: 24%

WORK EXPERIENCE OF CHINESE LIBRARIAN SCHOLARLY EXCHANGE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS (2005-2019, N=411)

- 1-3 Years: 14%
- 4-9 Years: 25%
- 10-14 Years: 19%
- 15 Years and More: 42%

TYPE OF HOME LIBRARIES (N=411)

- Academic Library: 385
- Special Library: 0
- School Library: 0
- Public Library: 0

Organization Type
2. Chinese Librarians Scholarly Exchange Program (CLSEP)

Distribution of Participants in China

Distribution of Libraries that Participants Visited and Studied in the U.S.
On-Site Study and Survey

2019 CLSEP Group Picture

The University of Chicago Library

Library of Washington University at St. Louis

Yale University Library
3. IFSI Visiting Scholar Program

• Since 2008, IFSI has sponsored and received 140 Chinese visiting scholars respectively from 77 institutions.

• IFSI Library collaborate with iSchool, Main Library, Grainger Engineering Library, etc.

• Visiting scholars have actively used the IFSI Library to do research and conduct scholarly exchange activities.

• IFSI Visiting Scholars Program Website: https://www.fsi.illinois.edu/content/international%20programs/China/Chinese%20Visiting%20Scholars%20Program.cfm
3. IFSI Visiting Scholar Program

- Partnership with iSchool
Partnership with UI Libraries

- Visiting scholars at IFSI Library
- Library Workshop at Main Library
- Library Tour at Main Library
• Scholarly Activities:
• Visited other museums and university libraries

@ San Jose State University
@ Columbia University
@ Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum
@ Purdue University
Scholarly Activities:
- Training workshops

Strategic Planning Workshop at Main Library and Mortenson Center

Professor Lisa Information Literacy Workshop

Illinois State University Summit
• Scholarly Activities:
• International Conference

• Gathering @ 2019 IFLA WLIC
• Libraries: dialogue for change
Scholarly Activities During Covid-19

Rare Book and Manuscript Library Zoom Workshop

Research Data Management Zoom Workshop

Scholars Weekly Zoom Meeting

Scholarly Paper Publishing Zoom Workshop
Culture Activities

Gathering with Barbara Ford

Scholars @David’s House

Thanksgiving Party @ Lian’s House
Thank You!

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