



Hua Kuang Quarterly Newsletter

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Re-opening announcement: Welcome everyone to the newly updated Hua Kuang Chinese Reading Room! We reopened on Tuesday, 9/1/2015 at 1 PM for Citizenship class, and Wednesday, 9/2/2015, at 10 AM for regular hours.

Hua Kuang was closed during August for upgrading many of its old shelves. Please come in to browse, borrow books, and play a game. The game is for people to tell how many things and what things have been changed in the room. There will be prizes for top three answers, awarded on every Friday afternoon until 9/30/2015. Only non-staff members can participate. Enjoy the new look of the library. Tell your friends to come. We are thankful to all those who helped to make the upgrades possible in August.



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Special Event: Free College Admission workshop will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2015, at 10:30 AM, in Hua Kuang, room H-4. Workshop is hosted by Synocate, a startup founded by Stanford and Berkeley Graduates.

Previous Activities:

1. In August shutdown, volunteer staff's hard work gave Hua Kuang Library a new look. We especially thank the following people: St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Charity for bringing us the Stanford U used bookcases and carting away our old bookcases; Christopher Lee, Francis Huang, and Eric Yen for transporting more bookcases from Stanford; Yean-Yow and Dawn Hwang for telling Hua Kuang about these used and good bookcases for sale.
2. On July 17, 2015, Hua Kuang held its 3rd Business Meeting for 2015. We thank Mr. Kailian Luo for sharing his story.

3. Dinner at Hangen Resturant on 6/4/2015 was a success. 20 people attended. Teachers Thomas and Phyllis were appreciated at the dinner, along with Helen Chan, whose donation reduced the cost to \$10.00 each.

4. The new Hua Kuang brochure 2015 was printed and distributed on Wednesday's Friendship Day at the Cubberley Community Center.



Ongoing activities:

1. Book repair and cataloging will resume on every Friday afternoon.
2. Book weeding of duplicate, old and untouched books is ongoing.
3. Most of the unused children's books have been donated to Friends of the Palo Alto Library.
4. Hua Kuang has accepted an offer of children's books from Julia Liao of Fangcao (芳草) Reading Circle. Julia is from the organization, Books for China, which is willing to take books from Hua Kuang library to give to China.
5. Children are welcome to come in with adults to read, browse and listen to story-telling.

Upcoming activities:

1. Next Hua Kuang Business meeting will be on Oct 30th, 2015. It will be the 4th and last of the year.
2. Seminars on Exploring Chinese Classic Literature are being planned.

*****Reader's Corner: Your point of View *****

"Digitized Books replacement is not just books"

by Lois Chien

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