



A mother and his child pick books at the one-week Shanghai Book Fair which was held from August 15 to 21. Jiading held a variety of cultural activities in the district during the week which attracted reading enthusiasts to take part in. — Qin Yichao

Residents find plenty to read about

Staff Reporters

Jiading played an important part in this year's Shanghai Book Fair from August 15 to 21, introducing residents to new books, local writers and artists, and promoting the National Reading Initiative.

Among the many activities in the district, experts in Jiading's history and culture shared their studies about Wellington Koo (1888-1985) with readers. The Jiading native was a highly regarded diplomat and a statesman of the Republic of

China (1912-1949).

Children's writer Dai Da and cartoonist Gan Feng brought their new books for signing. Steps away, the most popular Chinese Choir series picture books were exhibited. The series of picture books are based on ancient poems.

Five editions, including "Lovesickness," a story inspired by a poem of the same name by Tang Dynasty (AD 618-907) poet Wang Wei (AD 701-761), "A Traveler's Song" by Tang poet Meng Jiao (AD 751-814) and

"Night Thoughts" by Tang poet Li Shangyin (AD 813-858).

A "poem kiosk" was established during the event. Writers, artists and TV anchors recited masterpieces together with visitors. Shanghai Auto Museum provided picture books and DIY courses to enable parents and children experience automobile culture from different angles.

Calligrapher and seal-engraving master Han Tianheng visited the book fair with his new book and a small gift for every lover of seal-engraving — a specially

made book label.

Han's new book "Tianheng's five arts" is divided into five volumes — Chinese painting, calligraphy, seal-engraving, book collection and literary theory to showcase the author's achievements in traditional arts.

There were also four parallel sessions in Jiading this year which were held at Jiading Library, Beiguan Village Study, Xinhua Bookstore Robinsons Galleria branch and Jiangqiao Wanda Plaza.

(Translated by Li Xinran)

Lake chiefs improving district waterways

Wang Anqi and Li Xinran

TWELVE lake chiefs have been appointed to protect the numerous freshwater lakes, ponds and reservoirs in Jiading, which include Liuyun Lake, the man-made Yuanxian Lake, Yegou Reservoir and Anting New Town Pond.

The district has also set up archives for the lakes, ponds and reservoirs and tailored management for each of them.

Lake chiefs fulfill their duties through water space control and shoreline management and protection, water resources protection and water pollution control, comprehensive improvement of water

environment, ecological control and rehabilitation, law enforcement and supervision.

Residents of Jiading New Town have found that the water of Yuanxian Lake in the vicinity is clearer, the garbage is gone, and the surrounding environment is more orderly. A year ago, the biggest man-made lake in Shanghai's west was under threat because of the spread of invasive plants and sewage discharge.

Appointed chief of Yuanxian Lake, Yuan Qigen led community workers to carry out a series of actions together with government agencies.

Illegal businesses were demolished. Most of those lakeside businesses were

unlicensed while some restaurants and tea houses even dumped waste into the lake, Yuan said.

"We have a policy of zero tolerance toward such kind of activities," Yuan said.

Lake chiefs make use of the latest technology. A mobile app offers easy access to the daily management of the lakes in Jiading.

Using the app, community workers can take photos of problems they find and upload them with an explanation of situation as well as the location.

Officials can see when a problem is posted and solve it within 24 hours. All 2,036 waterways in Jiading have river chiefs and there are clean-up plans for each.



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CULTURE Round The River

A footpath around Shanghai's only existing moat, Jading's 6.5-kilometer ring river, is now open for the public to enjoy. The designer has overcome a number of engineering challenges to finish this project. **Page 4-5**



PEOPLE Heritage Preserved

History expert Tao Jiming is retired but finds himself busier than ever as he carries out research into Jading's cultural heritage and spares no effort in getting involved to save it for future generations. **Page 8**



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