

《外国图书馆学著作选读》

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这本《外国图书馆学著作选读》里边有二十篇文章，其中有十二篇选自西方名家著作，其余的选自有名的百科全书辞条。这里边大部分是论述近代图书馆工作的，但也有几篇年代较早，是有关西方图书馆早期发展史的。这本选读是供图书馆专业的学生用的；当然，对于已经走上图书馆工作岗位而需要补课的人也是有用的。

这本选读不能代替图书馆学教科书，它是教科书的必要的补充。任何一门课程都不能没有一本教科书，可是也都不能满足于一本教科书，必得读一些参考书或者选读其中的一部分章节。比如学习马克思主义政治经济学，除教科书以外还得选读《资本论》里某些章节，以及马克思、恩格斯的其他著作和列宁、斯大林的某些著作。又比如学习中国通史，除教科书以外还得选读《史记》、《资治通鉴》以及一些其他的著作。这些选读资料原来是分散的，把它们搜集到一起，印成一本书，学习的人就方便了。学习图书馆学需要有若干种教科书，也需要有某些参考资料。尤其是关于西方的图书馆事业，需要阅读外文资料，那就不但是要精选，还要翻译成中文，这就比编选中文资料更加费事。现在这本《选读》在编和译两方面都做得很好，我们应该感谢不辞艰辛，从事这项工作的袁詠秋等诸位同志。

have been overlooked and come to naught. Our predecessors have done a great deal along the line of collation, commentary notes and explanation of words, which are regretfully very widely scattered in books. In order to facilitate the readers, colossal effort is needed to select and to compile into one compendium.

With the purpose to further improve these valuable texts, eminent scholar Guo Mojo had collected several versions of such texts and read manuscripts from different sources "in order to offer some processed source material to researchers." He maintained that "Doing research is like mountain-climbing, even though the forerunners had done their best to open up the way, the posterity has always to ascend by oneself." (page 53)

*Precis of "Selected Readings from Foreign
Works of Library Science"*

This book is on the State Education Commission 1985-1990 plan for textbooks. Having comprised entries selected from encyclopedia of Great Britain, France, United States, and Soviet Union, as well as works of known scholars of library science over the past eras, this book thus well outlined the formation and development of library and library science. It also offers biographical sketches of some representative persons in the library world, and lists in its appendix the major events of library science in different countries on the world scene. On the whole, the book gives both a theoretic and a historic sketch. It is a reference book for teachers and students specialize on library and information science, and a book for libraries of different levels. (edited by Yuan Yongqiu and Li Jiaqiao, preface by prof. Lu shuxiang; published by Beijing University publishing House, distributed by Xinhua Bookstore) (page 66)

*Dr. Tsuen-hsuei Tsien and his
"Paper and printing"*

Dr. Tsuen-hsuei Tsien is a well-known scholar and author of Chinese literature in the United States. His prestigious work "Paper and printing" has been admitted into the First Part of the Fifth Volume (published 1983) of "History of Chinese Science and Technology". Dr. Joseph Needham wrote in the preface to his "History of Chinese Science and Technology"; "Dr. Tsuen-hsuei Tsien is one of the world's most eminent authorities on this subject" And it was thus commented in the United States; "This book offered us thorough facts while giving explicit statements on the characteristics, methods, environment and influence of a form of information dissemination by mankind that survived the longest duration. In China, the book was lauded as "the best among books of this calibre" In this issue of Bulletin of China Society of Library Science, the editor has published the interview by a reporter of "Huasheng News" which delineated the great contribution the author made in magnifying the Chinese civilization. (page 72)