

Locals enjoy CCTV "Reading Pavilion"

By Ouyang Chunyan



Photo by Hu Dongdong

The Reading Pavilion from the popular CCTV program *The Reader* came to Wuhan on April 13, after its appearance in cities like Beijing, Guangzhou, Shanghai, Hangzhou, and Xi'an.

Equipped with a professional recording device and two GoPro cameras, the 3-meter-high moveable reading pavilion was installed near the Wanlin Art Museum of Wuhan University. In this pavilion

participants may record their favorite poems, a short essay, or perhaps personal letters written to their loved ones.

On the early morning of April 13, many reading enthusiasts were seen queuing up in front of the pavilion at WHU. Despite the long waiting time, they seemed to be enjoying themselves. Before entering the pavilion, they wrote on the registration form how

they looked at reading. "I want to be a reader all my life," and "Reading endows the world with sincerity and warmth" are words commonly left by readers.

After staying in Wuhan University for two days, the reading pavilion also went to the Tanghu Library, East Lake Quyan Memorial Hall & Xingyin Pavilion, and Xibei Square for people to record their readings.

Dora the Explorer to land in Wuhan

By Echo Xiong



Stage photo of *Dora's Pirate Adventure*

This summer, children from Wuhan will be able to go on a pirate adventure on Treasure Island with Dora the Explorer.

Tickets for *Dora's Pirate Adventure*, the famous original musical stage show, are now available on the Qintai Grand Theater official website. The show will be on for seven days, and performances will be custom-made for Chinese audiences for five days and English audiences for two days.

Dora is an animated character from the TV series *Dora the Explorer*, and has become a favorite among children worldwide. In *Dora's Pirate Adventure*, Dora and her

friends will go to Treasure Island in search of the ultimate pirate party. The audience will help them climb over the Dancing Mountain and through the Singing Bridge by using their map-reading, counting, and language skills.

Since *Dora the Explorer* went live, over 2 million theatergoers have been engaged in the magic of Dora's adventures. This time, Australian company Life Like Touring (LLT) will bring the show to Wuhan. "As an international smash musical, the show encourages kids to communicate. We hope local audiences will enjoy the show," said Anton Berezin, CEO of LLT.

Videos of Wuhan intangible cultural heritage inheritors archived

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Knowledge, techniques, and skills in producing traditional crafts like Gaohongtai brass gong making, Xinzhou shadow play, and forms of cooking like old Daxing Restaurant's catfish cooking and Tanyanji Dumplings are being recorded on video. These videos will not only be broadcast on TV but also archived at the Wuhan Municipal Archives Bureau.

Since last December, Wuhan began recording and archiving videos of Intangible Cultural Heritage inheritors and masters of traditional crafts and folk art. Most of these inheritors and masters are over 70 years old.

The first batch of video archives includes 66 items, covering national, provincial, and city-level intangible cultural heritages. So far, video recordings for more than 30 items have been completed and these recordings are 200 hours long in total.

A special documentary program based on the recorded videos of the intangible cultural heritage in Wuhan also debuted on April 12.

Interlibrary loan and return to be available within three years

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As April is the "Month of Reading" in Wuhan, a conference on promoting reading in the city was held on April 7. At the conference, a three-year reading plan for all Wuhan citizens (2017-2019) was announced.

According to information released at the conference, by 2019 a 15-minute City Reading Service Circle will be established. Citizens in the downtown area will be able to borrow or buy books within a 15-minute walk.

To make borrowing and returning books more convenient, over the next three years the online public access catalog, electronic reading, and library loan and return systems will become available at places like city and district public libraries, public cultural service facilities in rural areas and rural library services, community libraries, 24-hour self-service libraries on the streets, subway libraries, and primary school and high school libraries. All university libraries will be open to the public by 2018.