

Accordion Binding

A traditional folded book format commonly used in Buddhist scriptures.



Bookbinding Room Tour

Self-Guided Observation

Schedule: Every Wednesday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Visitors may observe book conservation and binding procedures through the designated viewing windows.

Guided Indoor Tour

Schedule: Every Wednesday, 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Guided tours in Mandarin are provided by library staff. Each tour session is approximately 30 minutes. Advance reservation is required at least five days prior to the intended visit.

Contact Information

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Transportation

- ◎ MRT
Orange Line → Yong'an Market Station
- ◎ Bus
57 / 214 / 809 / Green 2 / Orange 2 / Banqiao-Jijiang
→ Jietong Yong'an Market Stop (Zhonghe Rd.)
1 Shuttle / 227 / 275 / 304 Chongqing / 304 Chengde / Taipei-Sanxia
→ Yong'an Market Stop (Yongzhen Rd.)
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→ Zhong'an Street Stop

Our Mission: Professional Book Conservation

By combining centuries-old skills with modern science, the Taiwan Book Hospital preserves the warmth and spirit of printed books. Following the principle of "restoring as original," TBH performs restoration, binding, pest control, mold treatment, and deacidification to ensure that cultural treasures endure.

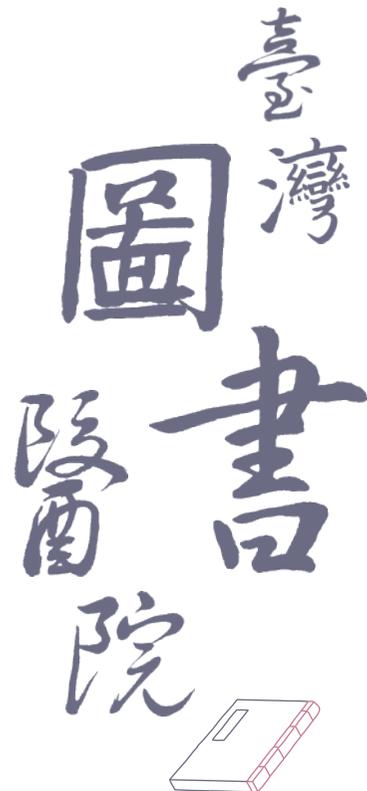
Inspiring Future Guardians of Heritage

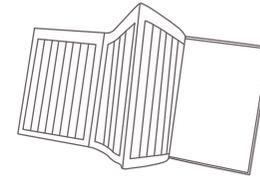
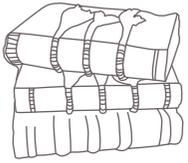
The Taiwan Book Hospital actively cultivates new talent and raises public awareness through internships, workshops, courses, exhibitions, and guided tours. By opening its doors to students and the public, TBH fosters a deeper appreciation for the restoration—and the responsibility—of book preservation.

A traditional horizontal scroll format used for calligraphy, paintings, and classical texts.



Handscroll





History



The Book Restoration Seminar was held at the Imperial Taiwan Library on May 7-8, 1928.

Since 1915, the Imperial Taiwan Library has been home to one of Taiwan's earliest bookbinding rooms—where skilled artisans restored and protected valuable books and documents. After relocating to Jhonghe in 2004 and introducing modern preservation technologies, the Library officially established the “Taiwan Book Hospital” in 2007, continuing a century-long mission to safeguard cultural heritage.



Filling of Losses

The process of repairing missing or damaged areas of paper using compatible materials.

TBH Today

The Taiwan Book Hospital Today

The Taiwan Book Hospital brings together traditional craftsmanship, modern restoration techniques, and scientific preservation equipment to protect Taiwan's documentary heritage.



The bookbinding room is equipped for restoration and conservation work.



Lead type (individual blocks)

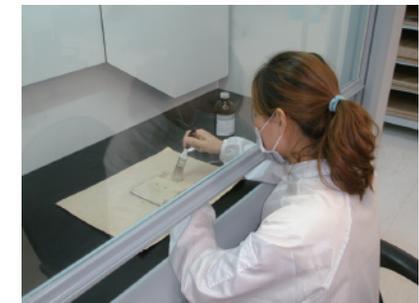
Traditional lead type blocks used in early hand-set printing, with each character individually placed by hand to form a page.

Bookbinding Room

Expanded and upgraded in 2010, the bookbinding room now spans 184 m² and features both traditional tools—such as a Japanese colonial-era rounding and backing machine—and advanced scientific instruments, including an optical microscope, spectrophotometer, pH meter, and paper thickness gauge. This unique blend of old and new enables TBH to restore Chinese and Western books with precision and respect for authenticity.

Ultralow-Temperature Freezer

Using rapid-freezing technology, the Taiwan Book Hospital safely eliminates harmful insects by halting metabolism and inducing necrosis—providing an effective, non-chemical method for preserving collections.



Remove contaminated air using the exhaust cabinet.