

# GREETINGS FROM EEF



青樹教育基金會

## EVERGREEN EDUCATION FOUNDATION

2019 Annual Letter

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Dear Donors and Friends of Evergreen,

2019 is almost over and we are happy to report that we are having a productive year. Three major events must be mentioned. First is that, in March, Evergreen sponsored 6 Library experts from Aarhus, Denmark and Chicago, USA to lead Design Thinking talks & workshops at the Guangzhou Library, China. At the same event, EEF also sponsored some teachers, rural librarians, and NGO members to observe and learn about the Design Thinking mindset and process. The second is, in June, EEF sponsored Prof. Wang Zizhou from Peking University to present his research and field work he has done for the rural libraries in China at the Next Library conference in Aarhus, Denmark. Last but not least, I also want to mention our continue success on our summer exchange program.

Before reporting on these 3 major events and more, I should mention that we have a new Treasurer Ms. Susan Wong, who is an Evergreen veteran. We are also looking forward to having Ms. Cecilia Fok join as a member of the Board of Directors in January 1, 2020. Slowly, but surely, with the support of all the dedicated EEF Board members, loyal donors, and devoted volunteers and friends, we are moving forward. As always, your support is what fuels our energy. We look forward to finding more relevant educational opportunities for the rural children in China in 2020. Together, let's join efforts again to bring a hopeful future to these children.

Sincerely,  
Winnie Wong, Ph.D.  
President

# VISION, MISSIONS, & VALUES

The primary objectives of Evergreen Education Foundation are to improve access to learning opportunities of high quality for children and young adults in rural and low income areas in China and to nurture lifelong learning habits through programs promoting various literacies related to essential life skills. The World Economic Forum 2018 *Future of Jobs Report*, identifies these skills as the top ten skills in demand by 2022:

- Analytical thinking and innovation
- Active learning and learning strategies
- Creativity, originality and initiative
- Technology design and programming
- Critical thinking and analysis
- Complex problem-solving
- Leadership and social influence
- Emotional intelligence
- Reasoning, problem-solving and ideation
- Systems analysis and evaluation

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### VISION:

Every Child in Rural China Has  
Access to Relevant Educational  
Opportunities

### MISSIONS:

To improve education opportunities  
To promote information literacy  
To bridge between China & the world

### VALUES:

Bringing education opportunities  
to rural China

For students in rural China, Evergreen seeks to develop such essential life skills primarily through information literacy and makerspace projects and programs with an emphasis on design thinking and project based learning.

Our programs are designed to provide learning experiences, which includes practicing many of the top skills identified in the World Economic Forum *Future of Jobs Report 2018*

## DESIGN THINKING WORKSHOP - MARCH – GUANGZHOU, CHINA

EEF contributed as a supporting partner for a 5 day Global Design Thinking Workshop with the Guangzhou Library in March 2019. The educator participants greatly appreciated this participatory learning opportunity and exposure to a new paradigm of Design Thinking. Teachers and administrators from Evergreen's schools also shared their project ideas to which the Design Thinking approach can be applied. We are excited to see our teachers embracing this approach and look forward to learning more about Design Thinking's impact on education practices.



### EEF Numbers from the Design Thinking Workshop:

- 2 Board Members: Mr. John Lee and Dr. Lili Luo
- 5 China Volunteers: Zhang Yu, Liu Hao, Vicky Wu, Candy Chow, 戴靖
- 4 Design Thinking Industry Volunteers: Charlie Yu, Fu Xiehong, Elaine Chen, and Sophia Liu
- 6 International Design Thinking Experts: 3 Aarhus, Denmark + 3 Chicago Public Library, USA
- 7 Volunteer Translators for the workshop
- 4 Workshops for EEF related observers
- 6 Active Participants: 4 Schools; 1 County Library; 1 Rural Library
- 15 Observers: 8 Schools; 1 Education Bureau; 1 Child Center; 2 NGOs

## NEXT LIBRARY PRESENTATION - JUNE – AARHUS, DENMARK

EEF sponsored Prof. Wang Zizhou from Peking University to present his research and field work he has done for the rural libraries in China at the Next Library conference in Aarhus, Denmark. In the discussions after Prof. Wang's talk, a Colombian librarian mentioned the presentation shed some light on similar issues that he had encountered in some rural libraries in his country.

A French librarian expressed her interest in the big community of left-behind children and elders as the target group of grass root libraries; she said that although she learned of the development of Chinese urban libraries through other conferences, this talk provided her with an opportunity to see efforts to address the needs of rural libraries, and provided her with a reference for her future visit to and exchange with China.



# SUMMER EXCHANGE PROGRAM – AUGUST – HUBEI, CHINA

## WORKSHOPS

The goal of summer US-China student exchange program is to enhance mutual understanding of student life in their respective countries. Building on the online Skype program in 2018, the program was a great success in inspiring the students' curiosity about the outside world. US 9th grade student, Victor Laczay wanted to see the real life of kids in rural China. In summer 2019, he made a trip to China where he stayed with other kids for several days. Also he participated in students' daily activities and visited two students' homes and became friends with a student named Can Yu, which was a very different experience than he has ever had. Victor finally got to experience what his mother described about growing up in China. "I will visit them again and invite them to US in the future," Victor said on his way back home.



I want to support rural education in China by donating to Evergreen Education Foundation:

### Oral History and STEAM Programs

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 will support one day for a teacher's lodging at a workshop
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$150 will give one way workshop travel expenses for a teacher
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$500 will fund a teacher to attend an entire workshop

### Small Projects

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$750 will fund small project at a rural school

### General Funds

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Donation Total

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