**­­­­­Librarian’s Report for FDNW Annual General Meeting,**

**May 2017 to April 2018**

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Donations, Collection Usage and Research Inquiries, May 2017-April 2018:

2017-2018 2016-2017

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| Donations accepted- DNW | 95 books  13 periodicals | 39 books  4 periodicals |
| Donations accepted-  NCC | 40 books | 31 books |
| DNW items requested by researchers | 38 books  5 runs of serials (about 50 issues) | 66 |
| DNW & NCC items used in displays, exhibitions  and tours | 67 DNW  18 NCC | 33 DNW  7 NCC |
| Children’s literature research questions  Answered  These are questions answered by the Children’s Literature research librarian via the Reftracker online system, together with any substantial assistance given to researchers in the reading room. | 47 | 30 |

During the past year the collection has again been well used for research, displays and visiting tour groups (e.g. groups from Evans Bay Intermediate and Ngaio School). The collection continues to be generously added to by incoming donations.

Valuation of the DNW Collection:

Following up on the valuation of the collection which was done in May 2017, the estimated value of the collection came in at just over $1,000,000.

Display cabinet:

The displays, prominently placed at the entrance to the General Reading Room, continue to be very popular with visitors. Each display has a post on Facebook which includes photographs. This is a good way for people who may not be regular visitors to the Library to experience the displays, and for us to share our collections with the children’s literature community. Over the past year the collections have been showcased in these displays:

* Where bell-birds chime: nature books for children by Edith Howes (28 Aug 2017-15 Dec 2017)
* Poetry in the School Journal (18 Dec 2017-2 April 2018)
* Alphabet books (3 April 2018- )

FDNW Research Grant :

Our current recipient, Kay Hancock, is due to report back on her project at our end of year meeting in November (date to be confirmed). Kay’s research project examines New Zealand picture books of the 1940s and 1950s and will be part of her Ph.D. thesis examining the *Ready to read* series.

Applications are now open for the next research grant, with a closing date of 31 October 2018.