

Librarian's Report for FDNW Annual General Meeting,

May 2019 to April 2020

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Donations, Collection Usage and Research Enquiries, May 2019-April 2020:

	2019-2020	2018-2019
Donations accepted- DNW	51 books 8 periodicals	67 books 43 periodicals
Donations accepted- NCC	20 books	6 books
DNW items requested by researchers	36 books 1 run of serials	35 books
DNW & NCC items used in displays, exhibitions and tours	<u>Foyer display cabinet:</u> 5 DNW 22 NCC <u>General Reading Room displays:</u> 84 NCC	87 DNW 34 NCC (combined totals for all displays)
Children's literature research questions answered (online and in person)	40	53

During the past year the collections have again been well used for research and displays. The DNW collection continues to be generously added to by incoming donations.

Display cabinet:

The displays, which draw on both the DNWC and NCC, are prominently placed at the entrance to the General Reading Room and 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:

- Bird fancy exhibition tie-in display (10 May 2019 – 6 August 2019)
- Children as authors (7 Aug 2019 - 8 Nov 2019)
- Counting books (8 Nov 2019 – 21 Feb 2020)

- Faithful friends: Dogs in children's literature (21 Feb -) [This display is running longer than usual because the library was closed, or partly closed, during Alert Levels 4,3 and 2.]

NCC Displays in General Reading Room:

A small selection from the NCC (12-14 titles) can be found in the General Reading Room. The books are refreshed every three months, and they are a mixture of older and newer titles across a selection of genres. The display is intended to provide on the spot reading for visiting children, as well as raising the profile of the NCC.

The General Reading Room also has a larger display area which is used on a shared basis by staff in the Research Enquiries Team. In June 2019 I used this space for a display of 32 books from the NCC to mark World Refugee Day (20 June). The refugee experience has been explored in children's literature through picture books, novels, graphic novels and non-fiction, and the selected titles were published from 1970 to the present day. In November, Chantalle developed a display to mark Universal Children's Day (20 November) based on the day's theme of climate change, using a combination of books, cartoons and articles.

FDNW Research Grant:

Our current, Sarah Gholami, PhD candidate at Victoria University, continues to work on her research. Sarah's topic is *All written for children? An examination of readers as implied and actual in Margaret Mahy's picture books.*

We will be advertising shortly for applications for this year's grant, with a closing date of 31 October 2020.