

FDNW Librarian's Report 2022-2023

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

**May 2022 to April 2023**

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Donations, Collection Usage and Research Enquiries, May 2022-April 2023:

	2022-2023	2021-2022
<b>Donations accepted- DNW</b>	52 books 1 transfer from WN store 39 periodical vols/issues	13 books 5 periodicals
<b>Donations accepted- NCC</b>	7 books	8 books
<b>DNW items requested by researchers</b>	26 items 1 run of periodicals	31 items 1 run of periodicals
<b>DNW &amp; NCC items used in displays, exhibitions and tours</b>	<u>Foyer display cabinet:</u> DNW 8 NCC 15  <u>General Reading Room displays:</u> NCC 82 (including 46 in the 80th anniversary display)	<u>Foyer display cabinet:</u> DNW 11 NCC 14  <u>General Reading Room displays:</u> NCC 48
<b>Children's literature research questions Answered by Research Librarian (online and in person)</b>	71	48

During the past year the collections have again been well used for research and displays. The DNW collection continues to be added to by incoming donations, and numbers have bounced back this year after being very quiet the previous year.

Display cabinet:

The displays, which draw on both the DNWC and NCC, continue to be prominently placed at the entrance to the General Reading Room where they can be enjoyed by our visitors as they pass by. Each display has a post on Facebook which includes photographs. This is a good way for people who may not be regular visitors 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 the displays below. While the planned rotation is every three months,

circumstances beyond our control mean that this is not always possible. In the coming year, the building work underway at the library means that the cabinet will have to be removed, or relocated, for some or all of the time.

- The secret lives of toys (27 July 2022 – 15 Nov 2022)
- To the Moon, Mars and beyond: adventures in space (16 Nov 2022 – 28 Feb 2023)
- Feline friends: cats in children's literature (1 Mar 2023 – 2 May 2023 – display suspended to accommodate building work)

#### NCC Displays in General Reading Room:

In August 2022, to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the NCC, I selected a display made up of award-winning books from the last 80 years. Most often, awards are given for writing, illustration or a combination of both. Other aspects of literature that may be recognized are: works by authors that express particular cultural experiences (e.g. The Pura Belpré Award, The Coretta Scott King Award); works of translation (e.g. The Mildred L. Batchelder Award); works in Te Reo Māori (e.g. Te Kura Pounamu Award for Te Reo Māori).

A small selection of books from the NCC (around 12) continues to be available in the General Reading Room. The books are refreshed every three months or so, 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. This display is currently temporarily suspended while building work is done in the reading room.

#### FDNW Research Grant:

Our most recent recipient (2020), Talia Crockett, has completed her PhD examining *Ethical representations of trauma in young adult literature*. Talia presented a summary of her findings at a meeting of the Friends on 28 February this year.

We sought applications for the grant again last year (2022); in the absence of any applications, it will be advertised again later in 2023.