

Librarian's Report for FDNW Annual General Meeting,

May 2023 to April 2024

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Donations, Collection Usage and Research Enquiries, May 2023-April 2024:

	2023-2024	2022-2023
Donations accepted- DNW	62 books	52 books 1 transfer from WN store 39 periodical vols/issues
Donations accepted- NCC	11 books	7 books
DNW items requested by researchers	53 items	26 items 1 run of periodicals
DNW & NCC items used in displays, exhibitions and tours	<u>Foyer display cabinet:</u> DNW 2 NCC 6 <u>General Reading Room displays:</u> NCC 12	<u>Foyer display cabinet:</u> DNW 8 NCC 15 <u>General Reading Room displays:</u> NCC 82 (including 46 in the 80th anniversary display)
Children's literature research questions Answered by Research Librarian (online and in person)	82	71

During the past year the collections have been well used for research. As noted below, fewer displays have been on show during the last year, due to construction work. The DNW collection continues to be steadily added to by incoming donations.

Display cabinet:

These displays, which draw on both the DNWC and NCC, were suspended in May 2023 because of the close proximity of construction work on the new classroom, Te Kupenga, (situated on the site of the old Kinsey Room). In addition, heavy demolition on Level 1 for the link bridge, and associated shorter opening hours, were also collection safety issues. Because of changes to the Level 1 foyer layout, the cabinet location has been moved to the General Reading Room. This new location is easily visible from the foyer as you approach the reading room. The first display in the new location explores the world of black and white wood engraved illustrations.

- Feline friends: cats in children's literature (1 Mar 2023 – 2 May 2023 – display suspended to accommodate building work)
- Animals in black and white: wood engraving in children's literature (13 March 2024 -

NCC Displays in General Reading Room:

After being suspended during construction work, a small selection of books from the NCC (around 12) is available in the General Reading Room again. 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 and their caregivers, as well as raising the profile of the NCC. The display now has its own set of child-friendly wooden display shelves and sits by the comfy chairs next to the microfilm cabinets.

Connecting to Collections talk:

On 20 June 2023 I presented an online Connecting to Collections talk about cut paper and collage illustrations in children's literature. If you missed the talk at the time, it is available online through the National Library Facebook page (look under Videos):

<https://www.facebook.com/NationalLibraryNZ/videos>

Research Visit by University of Washington Students:

On 24 August 2023 the library hosted a visit by a group of just over 20 information studies students from the University of Washington. This was part of a study tour around New Zealand for the group, and they had a full day at the Library learning about aspects of our work including He Tohu, Services to Schools, Digital Pasifik and more. Included was an overview of the children's collections and a chance to view some children's books in the Heaphy Room. I showed them items under the broad theme of children's literature and society in Aotearoa New Zealand. Specific topics I covered were: the ownership and gifting of books in children's lives; an overview of literature for younger readers in te reo Māori; attitudes to the environment in children's literature.

FDNW Research Grant:

We sought applications for the grant again last year (2023); in the absence of any applications, it will be advertised again later in 2024. We are proposing amending our application information to allow applications every year, with a closing date of the end of October.