

Oberon Council Library Committee
Library Report
December 2011

- Facts on File (FoF) has been replaced with World Book Online (WBO). Statistics showed that FoF was rarely utilized. WBO provides content that caters for all age groups, and additionally provides supplementary material to support school curriculum. WBO represents greater value for money in that it costs ¼ of the subscription fee of FoF. Press releases have been sent to the Oberon Review as well as letters to the LGA Schools advising of this new service.
- Navigators are now working and brochures have been produced - currently available at the Library to inform of this service. A press release was prepared; however, the FOOLs submitted their own, which disappointingly made comment on council training and policy (a subject which should be reserved for Council itself to comment on).
- The Summer Reading Club has been launched with a program of activities scheduled over the January school holidays.
- Initial activities for 2012 Year of Reading have been incorporated into the Library Program, with the NSW shortlisted books purchased and now available in the Library. A press release has been submitted to the Oberon Review.
- A Library Strategy document has been drafted. This document is based on the standards and guidelines recommended by the NSW State Library: Living, Learning Libraries. This document provides a basis for structuring Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for the Library to ensure we are inline with other community libraries.
- The Collection Development Policy has been redrafted, providing greater direction to Library staff in the acquisition, retention and deselecting of materials. It will also provide guidance on areas such as digital practice and special collections.
- The Allan Brown Collection is in the process of being indexed in order to obtain a quote for digitisation in readiness of future grant opportunities.
- Council is currently working on a submission to the Country Libraries Fund Grant. This will involve the introduction of a Mobile Library Service that can also be utilised to provide for a Home Library Service.
- The Library hours over Christmas will 'business as usual'. Staffing over this period (traditionally one of closed council services) was budgeted for under the realignment. A press release advising of these hours has been submitted to the Oberon Review.

- Council through resolution at the November Ordinary council Meeting passed a resolution to support the FOOLs in their Waste to Art Competition, through the provision of \$500 towards prizes, and \$250 of 'in-kind' support.

- Council have been investigating the continued use of the Container located adjacent to the Library.
 - Historically the Container was put there as a result of the Library Committee Meeting Minutes of 13/05/2008, in that Provision be made in the March Quarterly Budget Review to fund the purchase of a container.
 - No Planning approval was received by the Library to deposit container on site.
 - As per Minutes of the meeting, the container was for the purpose of increasing storage for the Library.
 - It may be possible that the container be moved to the depot; however, in reality the facility does not provide the correct conditions for storage of books due to humidity.
 - As Council does not provide any long term storage (other than that at the Community Centre), it is not appropriate for the FOOLS to store their sale items in the container. They will be approached to move their items, and be provided with a small cupboard at the Community Centre – in line with other community groups.