

## Report on the Online Waldorf Library

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The Online Waldorf Library continues to help facilitate research and answer questions on a wide variety of topics. In recent months these have included: creating a eurythmy program for homeschoolers; organizing a lower school library and student reading lists in a Waldorf-inspired charter school; how handwork, especially knitting, supports healthy movement; how Waldorf schools establish media policies; spacial dynamics and eurythmy as alternative movement therapies; Michaelmas and Christmas plays; doll making in the handwork curriculum; and articles and references on phenomenology, among others.

I would encourage visitors to the OWL site to have a look at the issues of the *Journal for Waldorf/Rudolf Steiner Education* published by the Initiative Circles of the Education (Pedagogical) Section in Australia, Hawaii and New Zealand. A link is on the home page. Despite having had a number of devastating earthquakes in New Zealand, where the journal is published, the April 2011 issue includes thoughts and directions concerning resilience and curative education.

The number of books in our search database is nearing 500 in addition to 75 eBooks in pdf format which are available to download to Kindles, Nooks, and iPads or any computer. Our eBooks are now widely used in teacher training courses and by students in other Waldorf professional development courses. Homeschooling parents are using our articles and eBooks to plan and develop their lessons.

Work continues on the new Online Waldorf Library site; the massive shift of data is nearly complete! By early spring the new site will be live, and I look forward to any comments you may have that will improve its search capability.

The Online Waldorf Library invites your questions and comments and appreciates your interest and support! This is a remarkable resource!

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