

Censorship Information for Libraries No. 16 November 2008



Welcome to the library newsletter from the Office of Film and Literature Classification. Feel free to contact us if you have any queries or suggestions for future content (our contact details are on page 2). You can also forward this newsletter to others who may be interested in its content.

LIANZA Conference 2008

The Office ran a stall at this year's LIANZA conference which was held at Sky City in Auckland. Information packs were given out which contained information written specifically for LIANZA, based on questions we have been receiving from librarians. These information sheets on video games, restricted books and labelling requirements can be downloaded from the 'Newsletters and LIANZA' page in the Libraries section of our website.

Our information packs also had samples of the various brochures the Office produces. These are a useful tool to help both library staff and library users to understand the classification system. These brochures can be viewed on the 'Downloads' page of our website. Please contact the Information Unit if you would like a supply of any of our brochures or information sheets for your library.

Thank you to those who came and visited our stand at LIANZA. It was great to meet many of you with whom we've had contact over the phone or via email. We really enjoyed this year's conference and look forward to seeing you at our stall at next year's conference in Christchurch. Over the next few issues of our libraries newsletter we will focus on some of the issues raised by librarians at LIANZA.

Graphic Novels

Many libraries now have graphic novels in their collections. Graphic novels are different from comics and tend to deal with more adult themes and in some cases include depictions of sexual activity. As many librarians are aware, it is important to remember that the target audience of the majority of these publications is adults aged 18-30, not children. For this reason, the Office advises libraries not to shelve or display graphic novels in or near to their children's section.

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If you are concerned about a particular graphic novel that is in your library's collection, please contact the Information Unit.

Recent graphic novels classified by the Office include:

- * *Chobits vol. 1* - R13
- * *Chobits vol. 2* - R13
- * *Ghost World* - R16 Contains offensive language and sexual themes
- * *The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen Volume II* - R13 Contains violence and sex scenes

Reminder About New Classification Label Posters

Libraries and other suppliers of DVDs and videos, are required to have classification information on display. More information on this can be found at <http://www.censorship.govt.nz/industry-advertising>.

We have been sending out our new label poster to libraries. If you have not yet received one, please contact us (contact details below) and we will send you out copies of the A3 and/or A2 poster.

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**Use Classification Labels To
Choose Films, DVDs and Games**

Anyone can view

G General
Suitable for all ages

Exercise caution

PG Parental Guidance
Suggested
Some material may be offensive to children

M Mature
Suitable for ages 15 and over

Restricted

R Restricted
Suitable for ages 16 and over

RP 13 Restricted
Parental Supervision
Suggested
Suitable for ages 13 and over

16 Restricted
Suitable for ages 16 and over

For more information on censorship go to
www.censorship.govt.nz or freephone 0508 CENSOR

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