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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.

The Peaceful Pill Handbook (New Revised International Edition)

By Philip Nitschke & Dr Fiona Stewart.
Publishers: Exit International US Ltd

The Peaceful Pill Handbook was classified as objectionable (banned) by the Office in 2007. This year, *The Peaceful Pill Handbook (New Revised International Edition)* containing blacked out sections of text was submitted to the Office for classification. The *New Revised International Edition* was classified by the Office as restricted to those aged 18 years and over with display conditions. These conditions require:

- the attachment of the R18 classification label to the book;
- the attachment of the R18 classification label to the sealed package in which the book is placed.

As the *New Revised International Edition* is restricted to those aged 18 years and over, libraries holding this book are required to keep it in a special area with access only for those aged 18 years and over.

The Society for the Promotion of Community Standards (SPCS) and Right to Life New Zealand (Inc.) have applied to the Film and Literature Board of Review for a review of the Office's classification decision for the *New Revised International Edition*. The SPCS and Right to Life New Zealand also applied for an interim restriction order from the President of the Board of Review but this was declined. The Board of Review is currently considering this classification. When a final decision is made, we will advise libraries of any changes.

The classification of graphic novels and manga

In the past two years, four graphic novels or manga have been classified by the Office. They are:

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

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While these graphic novels were submitted by a member of the public, libraries can also submit books or graphic novels to the Office for classification. Libraries can apply to have books or graphic novels classified under section 13(1)(c) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. The fee for book classification is normally \$800 but libraries may apply for a fee waiver of up to 75% of the fee. The Office will further discuss the classification of books, graphic novels and manga at the LIANZA conference in November.

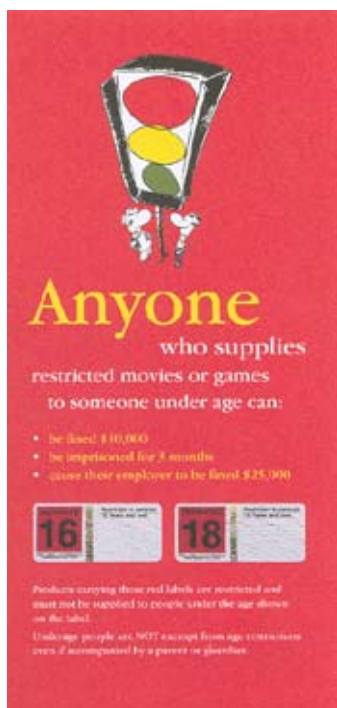
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