

News from the Online Waldorf Library

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- International interest in Waldorf education continues to be reflected by the many visitors to the Online Waldorf Library (OWL) from all over the world. Over the past months inquiries have come from individuals in many countries including the Philippines, France, the United Kingdom, Sweden, Taiwan, Jamaica, Belize, Chile, Australia, Canada, and the U.S.
- Most visitors continue to be teachers and homeschooling parents who contact the OWL with specific questions related to lessons they are planning to teach. Of late we have had a number of inquiries from students doing Masters' degree and doctoral research on Waldorf graduates both in North America and in Europe. The recently released survey of North American Waldorf graduates (summarized by Douglas Gerwin and David Mitchell in this issue of the *Research Bulletin*) and a number of other articles and surveys can be found on OWL's "Focus Search" page by clicking on "Waldorf Graduate Research."
- Another area of interest is the importance of movement and play for preschool and elementary school-age children. The OWL offers a number of online articles and books on the importance of movement, play, and active games suitable for home and school. Also available is the text of the recently released American Academy of Pediatrics report on "The Importance of Play in Promoting Healthy Child Development and Maintaining Strong Parent-Child Bonds." (See Susan Howard's article in this issue of the *Research Bulletin*.)
- Newly published and reissued books continue to be added weekly. In the past months I have added nearly forty new titles and more than twenty-five new articles, not including those from past issues of the *Research Bulletin*, *Gateways*, and the German *Rundbrief*. New articles from the *Pacifica Journal* can be found on the home page. The most recent issue of the *Waldorf Science Newsletter* is also now available, as are links to many articles published by the Nature Institute.
- Interest continues to be strong in our online books, the Foundations of Waldorf Education series, which is proving to be popular with students in teacher education colleges in English-speaking countries.
- The OWL currently offers a selection of original plays for the elementary grades, made available by the authors to other class teachers wishing to use them. New plays, from another long-time Waldorf teacher, are expected soon. These plays can be found by going to the "Focus Search" page and clicking on "Plays."
- Over the past months the most frequently visited areas on the web site have included the Research page, back issues of the *Research Bulletin* and *Gateways*, and the *Pacifica Journal*.
- Each day brings new inquiries and new excitement as visitors appreciate the ever-increasing resources made available at no charge through this web site. Please let me know if you have any suggestions on how the OWL can continue to improve.

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