

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:

- Requests for data on Waldorf school graduates in Europe, including the U.K.;
- Requests for statistical information on the effectiveness of foreign language teaching in elementary schools;
- Middle school and high school sports programs;
- Computer use in the middle school;
- Middle school science adapted to charter school use;
- Teaching children with autism and ADD and including them in Waldorf classes;
- Mentoring in early childhood settings;
- School readiness;
- Forming care groups;
- School administration and finances; and
- Parent education.

Also, news that the Steiner Schools Fellowship will sponsor “academy” schools in the U.K., state-sponsored schools based on the Steiner Schools curriculum, has brought several inquiries for information.

Teachers and parents of children in Waldorf schools in New Zealand, Australia, the U.K., Hungary, Mexico, and North America have sought permission to use OWL articles in their respective

homeschools and classrooms. It is wonderful to know that our articles are useful and that, when necessary, they are translated into other languages. There are now more than 350 articles in the OWL database and more are added every week. Articles are easily found by going to the “Focus Search” page and clicking on “article” and the subject of interest.

The number of books in our search database is now well over 400 and we add new titles regularly. Books can be found through the “Focus Search” page by clicking on “book” and the subject of interest. The site visitor will also find information on purchasing these books.

Two more editions of *Pacific Journal* and the *Waldorf Journal Project* are now available for viewing, in addition to past issues of *Gateways* and the *Research Bulletin*. *Living Education*, published by Steiner Waldorf Schools Fellowship in the U.K., is available in an online edition through a link on the “Journals” page. The most recent issue of the *Waldorf Science Newsletter*, with all past issues, is also available.

Have a look at OWL! Let us know if there is something you are looking for or a question for which we can help you find an answer.

The Online Waldorf Library (OWL) may be accessed at

www.waldorflibrary.org.