

Classification Information for Libraries

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Welcome to the libraries newsletter from the Office of Film and Literature Classification. Feel free to contact us if you have any queries or suggestions for future content, and please feel free to forward this newsletter to others.

Newly classified book

The book *My Forbidden Face* has been classified as Unrestricted. This book was submitted to the Classification Office as a result of a complaint from a member of the public.

LIANZA Conference 2011

Staff from the Classification Office will have a stand at the LIANZA conference this year in Wellington, where we are based. We look forward to meeting you there and hopefully answering all your questions!

If you weren't able to attend the conference in 2010 you would have missed the presentation about the history of New Zealand book censorship by Office staff member Michelle Baker. You can download a PDF of Michelle's talk here:

<http://www.censorship.govt.nz/libraries/libraries-newsletter-and-lianza.html>

Questions from Te Puna conference

Our librarian attended the Te Puna conference and was asked a number of questions by other librarians. I'll address the main ones below:

Box set DVDs and Labelling Requirements

Under the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993, individual DVDs that make up a box set must have labels affixed if they are supplied to the public separately. If your library has a box set which only has one type of classification affixed, for example 'M', this means that M is the highest classification contained in the box set. However, individual DVDs in the box set might have lower classifications such as PG or G. If you are lending these separately, make sure that each DVD carries the correct label (see how to obtain labels below).

If you are transferring DVDs into new cases and attaching classification labels make sure the labels are not obscured in any way.

Loaning imported DVDs

If your library purchases DVDs from overseas – from sites such as Amazon for example – you will need to have these DVDs labelled before loaning them to members of the public.

It is important to note that some types of film are exempt from labelling requirements, such as documentaries which do not have restricted content. For more information see the Exemptions page on our website:

<http://www.censorship.govt.nz/industry/industry-exempt.html>

Applying for Labels

You can search for the New Zealand classification for DVDs, including individual DVDs within box sets, on the website of the Film and Video Labelling Body at www.fvlb.org.nz. To obtain new or replacement classification labels for DVDs in your library contact the Film and Video Labelling Body through their website, or call them on 09 3613882.

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