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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.

Libraries Newsletter

Newly classified publications:

The Marijuana Chef Cookbook

By S.T. Oner

Publishers: Green Candy Press

ISBN: 978-1-931160-5-3

The book *The Marijuana Chef Cookbook* by S.T.Oner was classified by the Office as objectionable (banned) in April. This book was submitted by Customs. In the classification decision it was noted that “The publication is considered to promote and encourage the criminal activity of using cannabis for its psychoactive properties under the guise of domestic cookery... A chapter is included on converting cannabis into an easily usable form. This and other chapters provide detailed information in a clear and comprehensive way that encourages readers to consider such operations well within their capabilities”.

Pleasant Dripping With Sweat

By Izumi Tsukimori

Publishers: Teon Comics

ISBN: N/A

The manga comic book *Pleasant Dripping With Sweat* by Izumi Tsukimori was classified by the Office as objectionable (banned) in May. This book was submitted by Customs. In the classification decision it was noted that “the comic encourages readers to view children and young persons as sexually arousing, and therefore promotes their exploitation by adults”.

Complaints from the public

From time to time you may field complaints from members of the public about certain publications which they believe should be restricted or banned. In these cases you may like to direct the complainant to the Classification Office (see details on page 2). We can give people information about New Zealand’s classification law and assist them if they wish to submit a publication for classification.

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We are happy to send information sheets to your library, such as *Censorship: Having Your Say*, which you and your patrons may find useful. The full set of sheets is available to view at www.censorship.govt.nz/downloads.html. Let us know if you would like copies and in what quantities by emailing your request to information@copyright.govt.nz.

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