

## **LIBRARIAN'S REPORT 2004-2005 SEASON**

Another year has passed and the library appears to continue to serve the needs of its users, based on feedback provided. Visitor numbers continue to remain at a level below that prior to the move to split-levels and I would once again encourage members to take greater advantage of this excellent facility. It both surprises and disappoints me that so many have never even stepped over the threshold into the library. We don't bite!

The 'day-to-day' matters of managing a library take-up most of the team's time, leaving little time for other projects and it is only due to the generosity of many that the library is enjoyed by the few. A big 'thank you' to everyone – corporate and individual - who has donated materials this past season.

'Spare' time has been spent on disposing of the mountain of duplicate materials and regular visitors to the Saturday meetings will know that a large box containing unwanted periodicals and leaflets is made available to members for them to take, hopefully in exchange for a small donation to library funds. Cataloguing of the Gibbons Archive of stamp catalogues has resulted in a collection larger than that of Stanley Gibbons. The Melville Archive of books and pamphlets has also been catalogued.

An audit of holdings is underway, which is revealing that some items have gone missing from the shelves. If anyone comes across any NPSL items for sale that do not bear a WITHDRAWN handstamp with signature, perhaps they would be kind enough to contact me. Similarly, if anyone has anything at home that is library property, then no questions will be asked if you return it to us, as accidents can happen.

Finally, the team of volunteer helpers who staff and run the library deserve your grateful thanks for their commitment and hard work – they certainly have mine.

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