

LIBRARY REPORT 2000-01 SEASON

After the hectic activities surrounding The Stamp Show 2000, it was perhaps inevitable that the past season would be somewhat quieter. Much of the limited volunteer time was spent on consolidating our holdings, filling gaps and rearranging shelving and I gratefully acknowledge the time given so willingly by this small band of helpers.

Infrequently used periodicals have been rehoused in the basement storage area in an attempt at creating space within the library itself. New materials continue to arrive at a startling rate and keeping-up with the day-to-day operation is proving to be a major challenge.

The donations arriving from around the world continue to enhance the status of the library. Visitor numbers are steady and frequent help is offered to those users posing philatelic questions. The binding programme has been restarted and the financial assistance of the British Philatelic Trust is gratefully recognised in this respect. Without this major contribution, NPSL would not be in a position to conserve many of the hundreds of periodicals received annually.

Finally, please remember that the library does not run itself. It is managed by unpaid members of the NPS who have made a conscious decision to put something back into their hobby. As with most aspects of life, there are “doers” and “takers” among our membership. If you are a “doer”, then why not consider offering a hand when you have a spare couple of hours – or perhaps even more regularly? All help is truly appreciated, for the existing team simply cannot cope with the volume of work that needs doing and we are having to cut back on what we want to achieve for you.

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