

Report on the Online Waldorf Library

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This has been a very busy time for the Online Waldorf Library (OWL), with the addition of a new selection of eBooks, plays for class teachers, catalog of books currently in print, and free-to-download articles on Waldorf education.

With the help of an ongoing grant from the Waldorf Curriculum Fund, the OWL has created a number of titles by Jakob Streit as eBooks, with a few more in the works. Recently added eBooks also include the classic *Math Lessons for the Elementary Grades* by Dorothy Harrer as well as *First Steps in Proven Geometry* and *Math Lessons for the Sixth Grade*, both by Ernst Schuberth.

Douglas Gabriel, a longtime Waldorf teacher, has graciously contributed his book, *The Spirit of Childhood: The Waldorf Curriculum Grade One*, as an eBook as well as articles on Emerson, Novalis, and Rudolf Steiner's thoughts on history. Peter Batzell, a class teacher from the Merriconeag Waldorf School, has contributed his original play, "Waiting for Isaac," and with gratitude the OWL received permission to post the play "Momo and the Thieves of Time" by the late William Ward from his wife Andree Ward. All of these resources can be found on the OWL as pdf files.

Several site visitors have inquired about downloading eBooks and articles to Nook, Kindle, or iPad for reading. At this time it is easiest to first download the OWL article or eBook to your computer, and then copy it over to the eReader. We anticipate being able to offer eReader formats other than pdf in the coming year, although we will always have pdf files which need only a free download of Adobe Reader.

The Online Waldorf Library and the Research Institute continue to focus on

translating eBooks into Spanish. Currently in the works are two titles: *Handwork and Handicraft: Indications by Rudolf Steiner* by Hedwig Hauck and *Developing the Observing Eye: Teacher Observation and Assessment in Early Childhood Education* by Cynthia Murphy-Lang.

In addition to eBooks and articles, the OWL lists (by grade and subject) currently available books in English including a direct link to the bookseller. Recent additions are the many excellent curriculum resources from the Steiner Schools Fellowship in the UK, now offered through Floris Books (UK). These include: *Educating Through Arts and Crafts* by Michael Martin and *Towards Creative Teaching* edited by Martyn Rawson and Kevin Avison, both available from Waldorf Publications; and *Rudolf Steiner's Curriculum for Waldorf Schools* by E.A. Karl Stockmeyer, available from SteinerBooks.

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