

Report on the On-Line Waldorf Library

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Since the autumn of 2008 there has been a continuous and pronounced increase in OWL site use and a corresponding increase in the number of questions and inquiries. It appears that our articles and e-books are accessed frequently. It is gratifying to know that so many people in so many different countries around the world find the OWL helpful.

Over the past few months OWL site visitors have requested help with a number of research questions. Recent research inquiries have included:

- Materials for faculty study;
- Preparing for child study;
- Teacher evaluation;
- How a Board of Trustees is organized and working groups developed;
- The role of organized sports in the middle grades;
- Study materials for a public school group wishing to develop the inner life of the teacher;
- Home schooling questions;
- Foreign language teaching in high school;
- Creating an arts-centered curriculum in low income public schools;
- Waldorf school daily and weekly schedules; and
- First grade readiness.

In addition, there are daily inquiries from those who have general questions for which there are usually easy and direct answers. Contacts throughout the world add so much to my ability to answer the many questions that come my way.

In the spring of 2009, the OWL web site will have a new look and many new features specific to online libraries. These include a broader search capacity, which will include quick links to a number of resources and an easier interface with our Journals and online or e-books, the numbers of which are growing. The new site will also have a **Frequently Asked Questions** page that will help guide site visitors to exactly what they are looking for. New books and articles will be featured on the home page as they are added.

We welcome your comments and suggestions for improving the site and the library.

Find the Online Waldorf Library at: www.waldorflibrary.org.