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LILAC ANNUAL REPORT

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17th Annual General Meeting

Notice is given that the Seventeenth Annual General Meeting of LILAC will be held in the LILAC room at the former Wellington Buddhist Centre building, 64 Cambridge Terrace (corner of Fifeshire St), at 7pm on Wednesday, 31 October 2012

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Election of Collective

Nominations for positions on the Collective will be accepted at the Annual General Meeting, you can email them to lilac@lesbian.net.nz, or post them to LILAC, P O Box 427, Wellington, to arrive before Friday, 26 October 2012.

Nominations need to be signed by the person nominated and by the person nominating them, both of whom must be current financial members of LILAC.

The Collective formulates policy, organises fundraising, discusses what books and other resources to buy, organises the library's duty roster, manages the library's finances and subscriptions, plus any other relevant matters. There is a minimum of six (6) members and a maximum of 10 members of the Collective. If you have the time, energy and ideas to offer, then please put your name forward.

Coffee, tea and biscuits will be supplied

Bring a friend to join LILAC !

The year at a glance:

We raised around \$1250 from our books, videos and white elephant stall at Out in the Square at Anniversary weekend 21 January. Many thanks to those people who donated goods for the stall and to those who helped on the day.

A book club for members was set up during the year and has proved very popular, with up to a dozen or so members at the meetings. The book club meets on the third Thursday each month and lively discussions are to be had. Books/authors are selected on the basis of their being available at public libraries as well as at LILAC.

Pat Rosier, published author and long time editor of Broadsheet, gave of her time and expertise to assist prospective writers. Over a 6-week period some half a dozen budding writers soaked up Pat's generous sharing of her expertise.

LILAC had a presence at the 2nd AsiaPacific Outgames Human Rights Conference that was held in Wellington in March 2011. As a consequence and in response to LILAC's sound application, \$1000 was received to increase the stock, particularly of non-fiction material. Subsequently a further \$500 was received and is being used to increase the number and range of DVDs.

LILAC Twitter account & Facebook group

Currently the LILAC Twitter account has 332 followers, including Wellington women, lesbian authors and LGBT news and magazine sites. An account isn't necessary to view the Twitter feed which can be found here: http://twitter.com/lilac_library. It includes news updates, and links to reviews and other items of interest in the lesbian literary world.

The Lilac Facebook group has 146 members, some of whom are current or past LILAC members. Mari in particular has been instrumental in updating this group with news of the Lilac book group, writing course and new collection additions to the library over the last year.

LILAC on Lesbian Radio

Collective members Porleen and Ellen present a programme about LILAC several times a year on the regular Sunday morning radio programme. They talk mostly about new titles in the library and related topics.

The Coasters

It had been noted that women who lived in the Kapiti region found it difficult to get to Lilac in town, so as a new initiative from February, 2012, Lilac is attending the Kapiti Coasters monthly pot luck dinners and taking the library to the "Coasters".

Two Collective members attend and take a selection of books, DVDs and magazines along to these evenings. An email address has been created for "Coaster" members to request any items they would like to borrow.

We have been well received and have signed up some 10 new members. The evenings are very enjoyable - lots of socialising and lots of good food.

Armstrong & Arthur Charitable Trust for Lesbians:

Once again we take this opportunity to thank the Armstrong & Arthur Charitable Trust for Lesbians. Without its generous support of and commitment to LILAC

we would not be able to provide the service we do. Good lesbian books and other resources make for a strong and vibrant core to our community. We can all help keep this Trust viable and able to support lesbians in the region by making our own donations, leaving it money in our wills, etc.

The LILAC Collection

We have continued to buy new books locally at Unity Books, and we thank Tilly Lloyd for her support. We have also purchased some DVDs from Aro Video. Renewal of magazine subs is ongoing with *Tamaki Makaurau lesbian newsletter*, *Curve* (US), *Divya* (UK) and *LOTL* the main titles taken.

LILAC continues to develop the DVD collection. A list of new titles for the year is provided in this newsletter.

LILAC catalogue on LibraryThing

The LILAC books catalogue is searchable at LibraryThing. There you can search the catalogue, browse sections of it, and follow links to book reviews and discussions.

Members new to LibraryThing can read the introduction at:
lilac.lesbian.net.nz/lilacthing.htm

Many thanks to Ellen for keeping our catalogues up to date.

Finance

A fully audited financial report will be available at the AGM.

Statistics

LILAC statistics for the year 1 July 2011- 30 June 2012:

- visitors – 369
- Issues:
 - books – 560
 - mags - 52
 - DVD/video – 225
 - Sound (music/spoken word) - 0

Compared with 2010-2011

- 399 visitors borrowed 568 books, 30 mags, DVD/video – 203

Compared with 2009 – 2010:

- 377 visitors borrowed 495 books, 55 mags and 204 DVD/videos (5 CDs)

Compared with 2008-2009:

- 287 visitors borrowed 552 books, 44 mags and 183 DVD/videos (no CDs)

In 2009-2010 the busiest month of the year was October with 45 visitors, 65 books issued, 12 magazines issued and 31 DVDs issued!

In 2010-2011 the busiest month was January with 45 visitors, 79 books issued, 1 magazine and 13 DVDs.

In 2011-12 the busiest month was December with 93 visitors, 166 books issued, 64 DVDs and 13 mags.

Membership

LILAC had 79 members at the end of our financial year 30 June 2012. Annual subs were up to date for 62 of these members. We welcomed 29 brand new members between July 1 2011 and June 30 2012.

“Coasters” have brought us 10 new members and prompted two long lapsed members to renew their subscriptions.

There is still a further 6 Coasters who have half joined (filled in form, yet to pay)

Other prompts for membership included:

2 new and 1 renewing from writing group;

3 new members joined after the outreach to the Wellington Gay Welfare Group by Mari and Alison in April;

about 4 were lured to join by the book club.

Members are now sent a reminder email in the month before their subs are payable. If you're not sure whether yours are up to date or would like to make an online payment email lilac-subscribers@lesbian.net.nz

The annual subscription rates were increased at the 2010 AGM and are:

- income up to \$27,000 (gross): \$20 annual fee;
- income up to \$40,000 (gross): \$40 annual fee;
- income over \$40,000 (gross): \$60 annual fee.

There is a "partnership" discount of \$5 per person which applies when a couple is joining or renewing at the same time.

Currently, members may borrow at any one time:

- Books: 5, for 3 weeks
- Videos, DVDs, CDs, tapes: 2, for 1 week *
- Magazine back-issues: 2, for 3 weeks

* L Word and Lip Service one disk at a time

We have at present 2,439 books and 96 DVDs, both of which are added to on a regular basis. For a full list see the final pages of this newsletter.

End of year

LILAC's last day for 2012 has yet to be decided but will be in December and the library will re-open on Saturday 5 January 2013.

The last day for the book club for 2012 will probably be Thursday 20 December but this too is yet to be confirmed..

Missing

We still have a number of books, DVDs and videos which are overdue/missing, so please have a hunt in your bookcase (or under your bed!) and return them to us - no questions asked. We'd love to have them back.

Volunteers please

If you have a few hours to spare, then think about volunteering to do a tour of duty at LILAC. If you have already volunteered but not heard anything in a long while then perhaps we do not have your current phone number! If you can help out, please contact Helen at: helenbarlow_2@xtra.co.nz.

Venue

The present venue at the Buddhist Centre is still uncertain in terms of the length of tenancy and rent. As we sublet from the Buddhists everything is dependent on their negotiations with the building management. Please note the matter of a possible new venue will be discussed at the AGM.

Contact details:

Postal address: P O Box 427, Wellington
Email address lilac@lesbian.net.nz
LILAC website: lilac.lesbian.net.nz

Opening hours

Wednesdays	5.30pm – 7.30pm
Thursdays	11 am - 2 pm
Saturdays	11.00 am – 2.00 pm

The new Thursday opening hours may suit retired Kapiti women who can pop into town on the train for a few hours or other women with some time to spare - bring your lunch and we can boil the jug for a cuppa. See the **Finding LILAC** page on our website lilac.wellington.net.nz/whereis.htm for bus routes from the railway station and Lambton Quay.

Additions to the LILAC collection in the last year

Fiction

Banks, Marianne Growing up Delicious
Bayer, Sandy The Crystal cage
Beers, Georgia Mine
Thy neighbor's wife
Too close to touch
Bellerose, Sally The Girls club
Brooke, Gun Sheridan's fate
Carlisle, Andrea The Riverhouse stories : how Pubah S. Queen and Lazy LaRue save the world
Christie, Kate Solstice
Doctor, Farzana Six metres of pavement
Dutton, Erin Sequestered hearts
Dykwomon, Elana Risk
Gitlin, Lisa I came out for this?
Guess, Carol Homeschooling
Hill, Gerri The Cottage
Horn, Phyllis The Chesapeake project
Jones, Mary J. Avalon
Jordan, Jennifer A Safe place to sleep
Klein, Cheryl Lilac mines : a novel
Lee, V.G. The Woman in beige
Lorio, Penny S. Expenses
Lynch, Lee Rafferty Street
Michener, Marian Three glasses of wine have been removed from this story : a novel
Minns, Karen Virago

Nipper, Clara Femme noir
Park, Severna Speaking dreams
Radclyffe Safe harbor
Renee Kissing shadows
Rios, Stevie Playing for keeps
Rivers, Diana Daughters of the great star
 The Hadra
Robinson, Jane The Amazon chronicles
Vali, Ali Second season
Van Auken, Candace Kite maker
Weeks, Laurie Zipper mouth
White, Kenna Romancing the zone
Winterson, Jeanette The PowerBook
Zanger, Molleen The Year seven

Short stories

Cherry, Frances Gate crasher & other stories
Fagan, Annabel A Little bit of love
Hardy, J.E. (ed.) Perfect pitch : lesbian feminist fiction
Kay, Jackie Reality, reality
 Wish I was here
Vanderhooft, JoSelle; Lundoff, Catherine (eds.)
 Hellebore & Rue : tales of queer women and magic

Young adult fiction

Peters, Julie Anne Define "normal"
 Far from Xanadu

Detective

Clevenger, Jaime Call shotgun
Cornwell, Patricia The Scarpetta factor
 Body of evidence
 Unnatural exposure
Davidson, Diane Deadly rendezvous
Hart, Ellen The Cruel ever after
Hunt, Morgan Blinded by the light
Marsh, Jan Butterfly soup : a novel
McDermid, Val The Grave tattoo
 Fever of the bone
Swearingen, Ida Owl of the desert
Szymanski, Therese It's all smoke & mirrors
Thomas, Jessica Turning the tables

Anthologies

Barrington, Judith (ed.) An Intimate wilderness : lesbian writers on sexuality
Ruff, Shawn Stewart (ed.) Go the way your blood beats : an anthology of lesbian and gay ficition by
 African-American writers

Humour

Jacobs, FayAs I lay frying : a Rehoboth Beach memoir
 Fried & true : tales from Rehoboth Beach

Biography/Memoirs

Banner, Lois W. Intertwined lives : Margaret Mead, Ruth Benedict, and their circle
Bechdel, Alison Are you my mother? : a comic drama
Coffey, Tabatha; Buskin, Richard
 It's not really about the hair : the honest truth about life, love, and the business of beauty
de Rossi, Portia Unbearable lightness : a story of loss and gain
DeGeneres, Ellen Seriously ... I'm kidding
Dobkin, Alix My red blood

Drayton, Joanne The Search for Anne Perry
Friend, Catherine
 Hit by a farm : how I learned to stop worrying and love the barn
 Sheepish : two women, fifty sheep, and enough wool to save the planet
Hammer, Barbara
 Hammer! : making movies out of life and sex
Jacobs, Fay For frying out loud : Rehoboth Beach diaries
Lynch, Jane Happy accidents
Robertson, William k.d. lang : carrying the torch : a biography
Rule, Jane Taking my life
Winterson, Jeanette Why be happy when you could be normal?

Nonfiction

All the Cunning Stunts So gay!
Berzon, Betty Permanent partners : building gay & lesbian relationships that last
Butler, Becky (ed.) Ceremonies of the heart : celebrating lesbian unions
Castle, Terry The Professor : a sentimental education
Cordova, Jeanne When we were outlaws : a memoir of love & revolution
Coyote, Ivan E.; Sharman, Zena (eds.)
 Persistence : all ways butch and femme
Dean, Amy E. Proud to be : daily meditations for lesbians and gay men
Donoghue, Emma Inseparable : desire between women in literature
Grier, Barbara The Lesbian in literature
Kabakov, Miryam (ed.)
 Keep your wives away from them : orthodox women, unorthodox desires : an anthology
Kiss & Tell (Group of artists)
 Drawing the line : lesbian sexual politics on the wall
Lanning, Lee; Hart, Vernetta Ripening : an almanac of lesbian lore and vision
Lightfoot, Liz Outspoken : coming out in the Anglican Church of Aotearoa New Zealand
McHugh, Erin; May, Jennifer (photographer)
 The L life : extraordinary lesbians making a difference
Miller, Amie Klempnauer
 She looks just like you : a memoir of (nonbiological lesbian) motherhood
Morgan, Robin The Word of a woman : selected prose 1968-1992
Rich, Adrienne
 Women and honor : notes on lying
Rubin, Gayle S.
 Deviations : a Gayle Rubin reader
Segrest, Mab My mama's dead squirrel : lesbian essays on Southern culture
Walsh, Candace (ed.); Andre, Laura (ed.)
 Dear John, I love Jane : women write about leaving men for women
Wilson, Chana Riding fury home : a memoir
Winterson, Jeanette Art objects : essays on ecstasy and effrontery
Enslar, Eve The Vagina monologues : the V-Day edition

Poetry

Donald, Christine The Breaking up poems
Griffin, Caroline Passion is everywhere appropriate
Hacker, Marilyn Winter numbers : poems
Stein, Gertrude; Toklas, Alice B.
 Baby precious always shines : selected love notes between Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas
Stein Gertrude Lifting belly

DVDs**Dramas**

And then came Lola
Bound
Butterfly kiss
Circumstance
Desert hearts
Elana undone
Finn's girl
The Four-faced liar
Gigola
Girl seeks girl
Hannah free
Jamie & Jessie (are not together)
The Kids are all right
The Last summer of La Boyita
Leading ladies
Lip service, series 2
Love my life
A Marine story
My friend from Faro
The Secret diaries of Miss Anne Lister
Sugar rush. Series 1 and series 2
Tomboy
We have to stop now

Documentaries

Courage unfolds
Edie & Thea : a very long engagement
The Joy of life
Ten more good years
Training rules

Music

The Topp Twins and the APO