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Welcome to the library newsletter from the Office of Film and Literature Classification. Feel free to contact us if you have any queries or suggestions for future content (our contact details are on page 2). You can also forward this newsletter to others who may be interested in its content.

Libraries Newsletter

Newly classified publication:

Fight Club

By Chuck Palahniuk

Publishers: Random House Aus Ltd

ISBN: 978-0-09-183513-2

The book *Fight Club* by Chuck Palahniuk was classified by the Office as unrestricted in February. This book was submitted by the Department of Internal Affairs after a complaint from a member of the public. In the classification decision it was noted “that the book has been freely available in New Zealand for a decade, and that the Classification Office is not aware of any evidence of injury to the public good arising from that availability”.

Box set DVDs and Labelling Requirements:

Under the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993, individual DVDs that make up a box set must have labels affixed if they are supplied to the public separately. If your library contains a box set which only has one type of classification affixed, for example ‘M’, this means that M is the highest classification contained in the box set. However, individual DVDs in the box set might have lower classifications such as PG or G. If you are lending these separately, make sure that each DVD carries the correct label. You can search for the correct classification for individual DVDs on the website of the Film and Video Labelling Body at www.fvlb.org.nz.

If you are transferring DVDs into new cases and re-attaching classification labels you must be certain that the labels remain undamaged and that they are not obscured in any way.

To obtain new or replacement classification labels for DVDs in your library contact the Film and Video Labelling Body in Auckland through their website, or call them on 09 3613882.

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