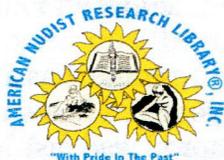


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## ANRL NEWSLETTER

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### Where Are We Now?

by Paul LeValley

This has been an unprecedented six months; we have no previous experience to guide us. With a state-mandated pandemic shut-down, the library was closed to the public for seven weeks. Since then, two of our six daily librarians have chosen to open the library on Thursdays and Saturdays--which is plenty adequate for the trickle of people visiting Cypress Cove at this time. Other librarians are observing the recommendation that older people stay at home a while longer. Some of our plans are on hold. When the disease actually reaches Cypress Cove, I expect further changes of plan.

Our computer people do not work face-to-face with the public, and have been able to carry on uninterrupted. Fine people like Jim Sweeney and Ed Westen and Bob Proctor have gotten a lot of work done. Our new man, Gary, had digitized a whole bunch of old VHS videos.

Ours is a volunteer organization, which means that library staff are free to vote with their feet at any time. Health decisions are personal, and each decision must be honored. I want to see no attitudes of superiority because one person is more dedicated, or more sensible, than another.

Personally, I am facing a publication deadline in about a month, and I don't see how I am going to make it. After then, I expect to devote more time to the library.

Before all the commotion hit, we completed a large exchange of magazines with the NEF library. And our reels of 8mm. films are being digitized. A few weeks ago, we held our first board meeting by teleconference (and unlike some meetings you have participated in, we could do it nude.)

We thank Becky Silverstein, who has retired from the library, for her years of

volunteer service. She is mostly responsible for the extended row of club newsletters we now see on our shelves.

And Ed Westen, who steered us through most of our magazine scanning project, is taking a break. (We refuse to believe it is anything but temporary, and hope he will be back after the coronavirus threat passes.) Look below to see what all he has accomplished for the library:

## Scanned items (as of June 30) by Ed Westen

Books 144  
US Magazines 4853  
Foreign Magazines 7095  
Newsletters 16,731  
Clubs and Organizations 632 folders containing 4014 documents

There are a couple of books and a couple of magazines for which we have a digital copy but not a hard copy since the owner of the hard copy made it available to be scanned but wanted it back.

The directory on the patron computer and on other archives show a few more digital files than the above index totals since there are some files included in folders that are just contents lists, not magazines. They are there to help researchers and are not copies of actual documents.

In the club files there is a bit of duplication where an article contains information about several clubs and is included in each of their folders. The information about individual clubs would be pretty impossible to catalog but a listing of the names of the clubs about which we have data might be nice.

Our newsletter collection, also, is a problem to catalog. The Newsletter Index lists the names of the clubs and organizations and the numbers of newsletters that we have digitized according to year and month. The totals are accurate but in many cases whole years of newsletters are contained in a single PDF, so looking at the number of files in an individual clubs folder would not reflect the actual number of issues. When a newsletter is published bimonthly, i. e. May-June Issue, it is only counted once as the May issue in the index. Similarly, some clubs published different newsletters under different names in the same period and both are counted.

I hope this information is useful.

## Using ANRL's Web Site

by Bob Proctor, ANRL VP

ANRL's web site is [anrl.org](http://anrl.org) and it has information about American Nudist Research Library®, Inc. It has two parts: 1) the public part which is open to anyone and 2) the Staff Only part which requires a UserID and Password. I encourage all volunteers and members to login and explore its content. Last login dates can be seen by the administrator and it's discouraging to see that some login dates were long ago. To explain the web site's content here is redundant as it's so easy to login and explore. When you log in, a new Staff Only tab appears along with the normal tabs of Home, About, News, Collection, Donate, Membership, Collaboration and Research.

Recent updates to [anrl.org](http://anrl.org) that are visible to the public include: 1) recent news 2) links to social media such as ANRL's Twitter account and Facebook Group plus a list of all tweets, 3) Board Meeting notes 4) Info on the Amazon Smile program with a quick access link and numerous other updates. The Twitter account has been productive and has brought awareness of the library with over 1,100 followers. Our Facebook group has 86 members. More than a dozen new pages have been added to Staff Only in the last 6 months. Please take a look.

Many of the pages on [anrl.org](http://anrl.org) were written in 2014 and are obsolete and need updates. Many pages are inconsistent with other pages, sorry about that. Almost every page has a date and author posted on the top of the page, so look at that when comparing similar pages. Pages get updated when the author (Note that most pages were written by Bob Proctor) decides to change them or when somebody suggests changes. Those suggestions are few and far between. I encourage members and volunteers to read [anrl.org](http://anrl.org), make suggestions and contribute to its content.

A menu system helps to navigate the web site. Many pages have links to other pages. For pages that don't have links to other pages you can simply use the BACK button on your browser. If you have trouble finding something on [anrl.org](http://anrl.org) you can always use a search engine like Google or DuckDuckGo, but constrain your search within [anrl.org](http://anrl.org) with the site: tag. Example search: Surplus site:[anrl.org](http://anrl.org) will find articles mentioning Surplus on the [anrl.org](http://anrl.org) site. A rigid procedure for making page updates can be found in the Training section in the Staff Only area. With this, the source text for all pages are saved in ANRL's archives.

## NEF Library Experiments with Digital Lending

This may be a first, when we are steering our members to a different nudist library. We are not rivals. All four nudist libraries—us, the Western, the Northwestern, and the NEF Library have formed a consortium for sharing digital images of our

magazines. So far, you have to go to one of the libraries to see them, but we are working on home access for serious researchers.

The Naturist Education Foundation Research Library in Oshkosh is experimenting with digital lending. It's easy to get signed up on their web page. They have begun with 141 songs about skinny-dipping—something that no other nudist library has. So give it a try. Here is how it works:

The “Controlled Digital Lending” requirements for librarians are:

1. ensure that original works are acquired lawfully;
2. apply CDL only to works that are owned;
3. limit the total number of copies in any format in circulation at any time to the number of physical copies the library lawfully owns;
4. lend each digital version only to a single user at a time just as a physical copy would be loaned;
5. limit the time period for each lend to one that is analogous to physical lending; and
6. use digital rights management (DRM) to prevent wholesale copying and redistribution.

NEFRL is adhering to these requirements as follows:

1. The library's items are originals, lawfully acquired. If there's any question, the item will not be circulated.
2. The library owns all items, and does not accept licensed content currently.
3. The digital lending system checks the number of circulation copies and prevents transactions that would put NEF over the limit. This may result in delays fulfilling your request, as items must be “returned” before they can be loaned again.
4. We provide private links to a single user and caution against sharing them.
5. Loan period is set by library policy. At the end, the loaned items are “returned”, and the private link no longer works.
6. The NEF library uses methods that are better than DRM. While a user can usually break DRM and anonymously share it without worry, NEFRL uses invisible watermarking technology to embed the patron ID into every loaned file, often in multiple ways. No matter where the files end up, NEFRL can identify the source, remove their access on a permanent basis, and point law enforcement to them if/when there are legal repercussions. This is clearly communicated to the library patron numerous times during the lending process: Do not download items, or share links, as this puts yourself at risk.

## Preserving the Past in a World of Shifting Values

Editorial by Paul LeValley

We see people in the majority saying that minorities have suffered long enough,

and we agree that the time for change has come. We see people tearing down symbols of oppression, and we are not so certain. When people topple statues because they are racist, what is to prevent the opposition from tearing down statues because they are nude? It has certainly happened before.

Our library is dedicated to preserving nudist history. Should that include early parallels with proto-Nazi eugenics? Should that include beauty contests that we now consider objectifying? Should that include nudist magazines of the 1970s that spilled over into what we would now call pornography? Should that include donated materials that are all about sex, and have nothing to do with family naturism? Answers do not come easy.

For decades, we prided ourselves on having wholesome activities that entire families could enjoy. Yet in today's frenzied climate, some people are willing to turn a blind eye to naked hanky-panky between adults, but get alarmed about innocent childhood nudity. Confused people call it child pornography. Look for pictures of family naturism on the Internet; in the last six months, they have disappeared from all the search engines. Should we change with the times, or should we remain firm in our values?

One of the rewards of preserving history is that, if we loose our way, we can find our way back to ideas once held very dear. Some things do not change, and should not. But where to draw the line? Clear thinking is needed as we move ahead.

## Use Amazon Smile

When you order anything from Amazon, be sure to do it through Amazon Smile, and make sure you set the American Nudist Research Library as the charity you wish them to donate to. Those pennies add up for the library.



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