

# Ray Lodge Primary School Junior Librarian Case Study

Ray Lodge Primary School has over 500 pupils from Nursery to Year 6 (3 yrs – 11 yrs) and is situated in Woodford Green, Essex.

Our new Library was officially opened in May 2002 and now has over 4,200 resources including books, CD ROMs, Videos, DVDs and other Reference Material. However, after working with the initial library software over a 2 year period, we found glitches in the system could not be rectified and our contact with the supplier was not acceptable, i.e. telephone messages left were not returned and sending floppy disks with letters was not appropriate i.e. Time delays and new problems occurring in the meantime. We, (my Bursar and myself), therefore decided to visit the BETT Show in January 2005 and one of our main tasks was to check out any new Library database software.

Junior Librarian is very logical; child friendly; has good graphics and the compatibility with Windows XP is excellent. I love the fact that there are shortcuts and any new ideas can be incorporated after speaking to MLS.



We also purchased the Identikit Thumbprint, which has proved a winner with our younger library users and the new addition of the Software Licence Section has made my other job as the ICT Technician for the School even more manageable!!

Because our school is networked, we are able to have Junior Lib in every classroom and hence teachers and pupils can search the library database for available titles, before coming to the library. They also enjoy the Book Review part of the software and use this during their Literacy Hour.

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We (myself, the Bursar and ICT Co-ordinator) have just returned from visiting BETT Show 2005 and, seeing other new library systems available, I am convinced we have chosen the right software for our school and with other add-on products available i.e. Discovery, Web Opac and especially the Pocket Librarian, my next target will be to database our Curriculum Resource Room – WATCH THIS SPACE!!!!

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