

Two years ago, a new and user-friendly automated system was acquired for the church library, to support virtually any maintenance or access function necessary to a well organized, easily accessible library. One year ago, a new Dell computer with a large, flat-screen monitor was acquired for the Library, and the automated system was mounted on it.

The entire adult information collection (everything on the long wall shared with the hall, and one section around the corner) has now been catalogued into the new system. The computer will be turned on, and the system made available weekdays during church office hours, between 10 a.m. and noon on Sundays, and at other times by arrangement. The system is extremely user-friendly and easy to use even when the Library is not staffed. Instruction sessions have been offered and will be made available in the future upon request from any individual or group. Printed instructions are available in the Library.

Until the end of 2006, the only regular budget available to the Library was required to support the cost of a small number of journals (magazines) and the maintenance of the automated system. In the budget year 2007, a small budget for the purchase of new books has also been made available. The cost of most of the new books acquired for the Library is, however, still supported from donations through the third line of the offering envelopes.

Most of the information collection in the Library is very old. A project is now under way, on a small scale, to update the adult collection.

The focus of Library activity in 2007 will be making the Library attractive and interesting for children and young adults. The existing collection will be reviewed, weeded and updated. A list of titles the Library would like to add to this collection will be made available and donations to support one or more of the listed titles will be invited.



Preliminary discussion has also taken place about cosmetic improvements to the Library space, including replacing the soft seating with more attractive, comfortable furniture, and adding a child-sized table and chairs.

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