

St. Andrew's Church Library Newsletter

February, 2009

On the back of this newsletter you will find information about the books and other resources added to the Library since the last list of new titles was published in the Spring of 2008. Since May 2008, we have added more than 100 new titles. Many of these were donated, but a significant proportion are new purchases. Of the 100, many are books for children and young adults. Making the Library more appealing to that group continues to be a major goal.

The purchase of new books is funded largely from donations through the third line of the offering envelopes. If you would like to help with the purchase of new books for the library, just write 'Library' on the third line together with whatever amount you wish to contribute.

As part of the 2008 budget, the Session made available \$500 toward improving the décor and ambiance in the Library. Donated funds were added to that sum, and lovely new soft seating has now been installed. The Library is looking very inviting. The initiative to make the library more attractive will continue in 2009 as funds permit.

The library shelves are very full. As a result, donations cannot be added if they duplicate titles already in the collection, or if they contain dated information. Some books already in the library have been or will be removed from the collection for the same reasons. Watch for a booksale of these materials in the next little while, with proceeds to be used to purchase new titles.

All of the books in the main collection are now included in the new computer system. The system is very easy to use, and another series of tutorials after church will be offered in the coming weeks. The first of these is planned for Sunday, February 22. Subsequent dates will be confirmed in the bulletin on the Sundays on which the sessions will be offered. Anyone who would prefer a little one-on-one advice will be willingly accommodated. Please just speak to me when you would like to do this.

Finally ... the library is soliciting book reviews from readers of all ages. If you have read a book from the church library that you think others might enjoy, please take a few minutes to summarize and critique it briefly for inclusion in a later issue of this newsletter. If nothing comes to mind, but you are interested in participating, peruse the list of new books on the reverse side of this page and/or go into the library and browse for a likely title.

Happy reading

Virginia Gillham

New Library Titles.

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14 books by Joy Wilt Berry, who writes entertaining, amusingly illustrated books of advice for children such as:

- Surviving fights with your brothers and sisters
- A kids' guide to making friends
- and many more

More than two dozen beautifully illustrated picture books for the very youngest among us, many of them from Kids Can Press.

Many Bible stories retold for children, including five in the Now You Can Read series.

A number of titles relating to Israel and Palestine. Some of these were acquired before a group from St. Andrew's journeyed to Israel in May 2008. Several more have been added since that time.

Most of the titles discussed by the church book clubs.

In the adult fiction section, if you just want an entertaining read:

- Several titles by Alexander McCall Smith
- Ten titles from the Mitford series by Jan Karon
- Seven titles in the Poldark series about historic Cornwall, by Winston Graham