



What's New In the Library? April, 2011

Nearly 200 new titles have been added to the Library in the past year. Complete lists on paper of both the new materials and the Library's updated ***complete holdings*** are now in the Library.

The Library computer hosts a complete, searchable electronic catalogue. There are instructions for its use taped to the computer desk, and the office staff can put you into the system during the week. One-on-one or small group instruction in using the system is available upon request.

The present total collection numbers about 2500 items. Many of these are donated titles, but many others have been purchased new, to support the various activities, interests and needs of the congregation. Session makes a small budget available for this purpose, most of which supports the renewal of the magazine collection and the technology that supports the electronic catalogue. ***Funding is also accrued in a trust account from identified donations on the third line of your envelopes. Such donations are very welcome, particularly since this is the only significant source of funding for the purchase of books (as opposed to magazines). Just write 'Library' on the blank third line.***

If you have materials to donate to the Library, we hope you will be agreeable to the following gift policy.

St. Andrew's Church Library Donation Policy

Because space is limited, duplicates are not generally added. Older editions of materials concerning issues that are time-sensitive or for which research is ongoing, are not generally added. Materials not added to the St. Andrew's Library will be handled in one of the following ways.

- *Appropriate items will be donated to the organization Christian Salvage which sends religious materials to third world countries*
- *Appropriate items will be made available to members of the congregation.*
- *Appropriate items will be donated to the Friends of the Guelph Public Library annual book sale*
- *In future the Library will not collect videotapes. New titles will be acquired as DVDs and we are working to convert the existing videotape collections to DVDs.*

Library Special Initiatives

- In the past year, *a grief support collection* has been established. Some of the materials for this collection are located together immediately below the magazine collection. This shelf also includes a paper list of grief-related materials located elsewhere in the collection.
- An effort is made to provide one copy of each of the titles selected for the St. Andrew's *book discussion groups*.
- There is an ongoing focus on improving the collection of materials for *children and young adults*. These are the most heavily used resources in the collection.
- A small collection of '*special*' books is being accumulated. These are all materials that were already in the Library that have come to light from time to time. They include such things as a first edition collection of poems by Col. John Macrae, and a hand-created , autographed collection of poetry by Jean Little . These materials (which presently number only four) will be displayed in the armoire in the Parlour. They will be listed in the Library catalogue, with their location noted, and they will be available for examination upon request.
- In addition to complete sets of Bibles, the library has a very large number of Bibles that have been donated individually. The plan is to retain and catalogue one copy of each significant separate edition, and to donate duplicates to Christian Salvage. Thank you to Phyllis Mattar who has assisted with the identification of the various editions of the Bibles.

Among the nearly 200 new titles in the Library

A complete set of Veggietales DVDs

36 Grief support materials

Several parenting support titles

Many new works of fiction

Many new books for children and young adults

Several absorbing biographies

230.03 Ric Richardson, Alan, A new dictionary of Christian theology.

230.041 Mar March, W. Eugene Great themes of the Bible

234 Red Redding, David A. Amazed by grace

241.6242 Byl Byler, Dennis, Making war & making peace : why some Christians fight and some don't

242.4 Ten Ten Elshof, Phyllis What cancer cannot do : stories of courage.

242.642 Bar Barnes, Bob, 1933- Minute meditations for men