

# Check It Out

Charity Kropf Memorial Library  
Zion Mennonite Church

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*"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my Path." ~ ~ Psalms*

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## NEW LIBRARY ADDITIONS

- \* **It Happened in Moscow: A Memoir of Discovery** by Maureen S. Klaasen. The riveting story of a family secret that spans the Revolution and World War with a stunning discovery.
- \* **The Glorious Pursuit.** Author Gary L. Thomas introduces the reader to a new way of experiencing Christ and examines a way to a long term change in that experience that gives lasting meaning.
- \* **Being Consumed: Economics and Christian Desire.** William T. Cavanaugh provides concrete examples of economic practices consistent with life in the body of Christ in a consumerist society.
- \* **The Healing Quilt** by Laurraine Snelling. Hearts torn by loss find healing one stitch at a time.. Also
- \* two other Snelling books that complete her Daughters of Blessing and Wild West Wind Series.
- \* **The Last Bride** is # 5 in Beverly Lewis's Home to Hickory Hollow Series.
- \* **Holding A Tender Heart** #1 in The Beiler Sisters Series by Jerry Eicher. What happens when an English girl decides she's really Amish at Heart?
- \* **The Quilter's Son** by Samantha Jillian Bayarr. A chance encounter with his mother causes Liam Yoder to rethink his decision to leave the Amish community.

### For children:

- \* **Margaret and Margarita** by Lynn Reiser. Is the story of friendship between two girls learning each other's language. Recently read for the Sunday morning children's story.
- \* DVD's: More *Thomas and Friends*, *Bob the Builder* and *Road Trip Fun* for you to enjoy. Watch for more new DVD's coming your way.



"A book is a gift you can open again and again."  
— Garrison Keillor

### DVD's:

- \* **Creating Caring Congregations** explores ways a congregation can reach out to families of those affected by mental illness and their families.
- \* **Two-Way Mission** is a production of Mennonite Mission Network that presents North and South Americans in conversation to see the hand of God in a different cultural setting from our own.
- \* Note: All but two of the items in these two columns have been donated to the library. Thank you!

### *Precious Time*

*"Time is your most precious resource. How you use it will determine the quality of your life. Take time to:*

*....Think: It is the source of self-renewal.*

*....Play: It will keep you young.*

*....Read: It will rejuvenate your mind.*

*....Worship: It is the acknowledgment of your limitations.*

*....Help needy people: It will return more than you give.*

*....Show love: It is the key to life's greatest satisfactions*

*....Laugh: It restores your balance.*

*....Plan: It will determine whether you have time for everything you want to do.*

Dr. Roger Fritz



## RECOMMENDED READING

### EASTER In My HEART

#### Uplifting Stories of Redemption and Hope

This gem of a book hidden on the shelves of our library was on display with the Easter themed books before Easter. Choosing to read it after that and knowing that the Easter story is good all year, I recommend it for anyone wanting to find inspiration in an easy to read book.

This is a collection by Joe Wheeler of thirteen Easter stories similar to his earlier collection of Christmas stories. From the story of a 'misfit' boy who brought an empty plastic egg to class when they were asked to bring something that represented new life, to the story of one man's transformation when he sought God after a life of accumulating unimaginable wealth, the book captures the spirit of Easter: hope realized, faith fulfilled and life gloriously and freely redeemed. These are truly inspirational, heartwarming, moving stories that are all associated with the true meaning of this most important holiday.

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I'm a little step stool and I'm lost. ☿  
My color is ivory with black steps. I help my short library helpers reach high places. The last time my keepers saw me I was comfortable in my warm corner spot by the files in the library work room. If you have seen me please help me find my way home. My friends in the library will be so happy to see me. Thank you from the bottom of my steps.



“We may need to put down the book from time to time, but we should make sure not to let the computer become the new book. The universal medium, like the universal library, is a dream that does more harm than good.”

~~ Andrew Piper, *Book Was There: Reading in Electronic Times*

Did you see the picture of Clark Yoder on the back of the latest issue of the MCC magazine *The Common Place*? Find it on the periodical rack by the library.

### I Shall Not Hate

By Izzeldin Abulaish

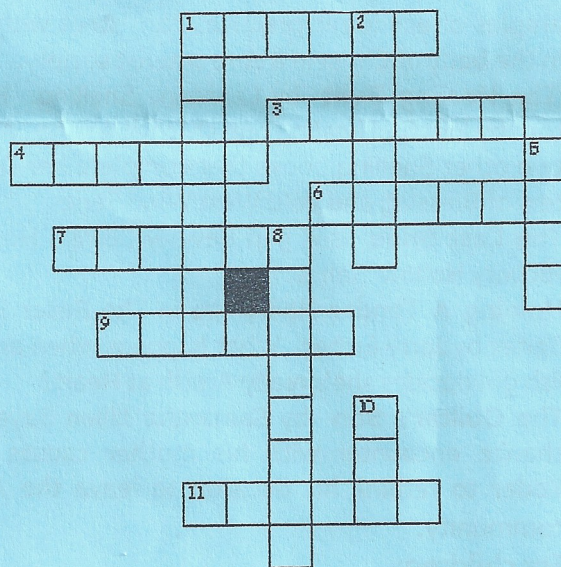
This book was reviewed in the November 2013 newsletter but deserves being brought to your attention again. This is true partly because of the story of the Palestinian family, and the author specifically, who lived in Gaza where they suffered at the hands of Israeli soldiers; also because of reports of current conflicts in that region. In spite of the deaths of the author's three daughters by Israeli bombs, Abulaish has worked for peace with a remarkable commitment to forgiveness and reconciliation.

A recent reader commented: “Every one should read this [book].”

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### AUTHORS

Can you complete this puzzle with the authors of the books listed below?



#### Across

1. Fields of Grace
3. In the Grip of Grace
4. Little Women
6. Papa Small
7. Johann
9. First We Have Coffee
11. Church: Why Bother?

#### Down

1. Jacob's Choice
2. Missing Your Smile
5. Simply in Season
8. An Untamed Land
10. They Called Her Mrs. Doc