

Check It Out

Zion Mennonite Church Library

Recent Arrivals

New book arrivals:

For children and teens:

- *Cowboy Small* by Lois Lenski
- *The Forty Acre Swindle* by Dave and Neta Jackson. This story of a 14 year old boy inspired by the teachings of George Washington Carver is another adventure story introducing 8-12 year olds to Christian heroes of the past.
- *The Power of a Praying Teen* by Stormie Omartian shows how learning to pray can make a difference in your life including freedom from peer pressure, standing against bad influences and being able to forgive others.
- *Sophie's Secret* and *Sophie's Stormy Summer* are two books by Nancy Rue in the Faith Girlz series.

General Reading:

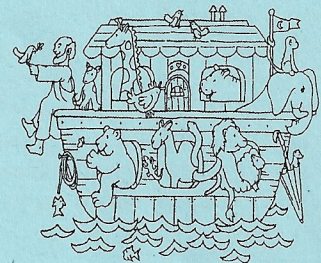
- *Cure for the Common Life* - Max Lucado gives much-needed advice on transforming the everyday into a discovery of self, God and eternal meaning. The book is a celebration of the life each one is given. A book to read if you feel like you're sliding through life instead of soaring as God intended for you to do.
- *Light from Heaven* - Author of the Mitford series, Jan Karon includes themes and characters, old and new, and answers questions asked since the series began in this last--and best--trip to Mitford.



- *Gardenias for Breakfast* is a novel by Robin Jones Gunn about grandmothers, mothers and daughters.
- *Katie's Last Book* is a combination of Yoder family history, family recipes and recollections of her family's trip from Iowa to Oregon and back by Katie Yoder Lind. Editors that concluded her story include our own Margaret Shetler.
- *The Secret Message of Jesus* is a reflection by Brian D. McLaren on the teachings and actions of Jesus in which he challenges the reader to ask what it would mean to truly live the message of Jesus today.
- Several of *The Little Books of Justice and Peacebuilding* by various writers including the subjects of negotiation, circle processes, trauma healing and Biblical justice.
- *Teaching Peace: Nonviolence and the Liberal Arts* -- This is a collection of essays by various contributors, with one attempting to define violence and nonviolence; another writing about the Bush doctrine and pacifist pedagogy in a post-September 11 world.
- *The Irresistible Revolution: living as an ordinary radical* - Shane Claiborne, a founder of The Simple Way, raises questions about the church and the world with challenges to live an authentic Christian faith. He uses stories from his experiences in the streets of Philly and Calcutta and in the Iraq war zone.

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ZION'S SUMMER READING CLUB Theme: Noah's Ark

Do you like to read or be read to? If so, join the **Summer Reading Club**.

HOW DO YOU DO THAT?
To join you need to agree to read a total of 600 minutes from July 2 to August 27. That's just 15 minutes a day for 40 of those days.

REWARD: We will have an "Rainbow Sherbet" and cookie party at the end of the summer. Each person who has read or has been read to for a total of 600 minutes will receive a book to take home. Plus you will get to spend many hours learning and reading from our many Library books this summer!

DATES: July 2 to August 27

AGES:

- Parents Read to Me program--3 years through Kindergarten
- Combination Program--1st through 4th grade
- 5th through 8th grade

From the Library Staff

We would like to remind parents of young children to monitor and assist your child with the proper check out procedure when library staff are not there to help.

- Please use first and last names on the check out card to make it easier to identify persons when notifying of overdue books.
- A Calvin and Hobbes book was left in the library. Please claim it if you are the owner. It will be discarded if unclaimed.
- We would welcome volunteers to help with library inventory this summer. If you are interested, talk to Elizabeth, Shirley or Lanette.
- If you have long overdue books, videos or tapes at home, please make an effort to locate and return them so others can also enjoy them.

TWO NEW DVD's:

1. Shadow Voices: Finding Hope in Mental Illness. Originally produced by Mennonite Media and released to ABC stations in
2. Anabaptists: Called to Serve is a 20 minute documentary produced by a media group at Goshen College that explores historical and current understandings of vocation among Anabaptists and Mennonites. Persons interviewed include History professor John D. Roth and 'The Mennonite' editor Everett Thomas.

Books still missing:

Addicted to War-Why the U.S. Can't Kick Militarism
Eyes At the Window
God's Politics
History of the Amish
Hope Rising
To all Generations
50 Ways You Can Feed a Hungry World
Who Needs An Oil Well
The Prayer of Jabez
....and more!

SOMEBODY SAID.....

Somebody said, "I don't know why we need a church library, we have a public library." Somebody has never checked anything out of the library.

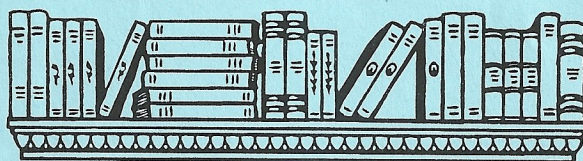
Somebody said, "If the book is at my house, I know where it is." Somebody never wondered where in the world that book is never dreaming it was at your house.

Somebody said, "I thought being a member of the church library staff was a snap." Somebody never volunteered in an active church library.

Somebody said, "I don't know why they need all those people in the library, all they do is check out books." Somebody never typed catalog cards, shelved and dusted books, ordered or processed

media [books], ..., weeded or faced shelves, wrote a book review, called patrons with past due media [books].....

Somebody said, "I don't know what the big deal is about past due media



[books]?" Somebody never waited and waited until someone returned the media [book] sitting unused on their shelf.

Somebody said, "I am only going to show it to my religious education class, that is not public use." Some-

body never relied on that religious education media for their bread and butter, paid a hefty copyright infringement fine, or purchased a license to allow for public use.

Somebody said, "Where does all the money go? Isn't the library in the budget?" Somebody never purchased new library media, furnishings or library supplies.

Somebody said, "Smile, we have a church library." Somebody knows what a church library is for.

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