

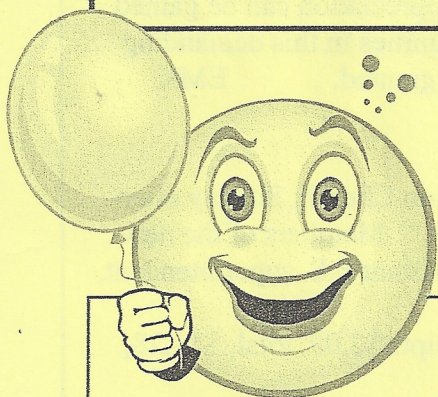
Check It Out

Charity Kropf Memorial Library
Zion Mennonite Church

June 2009

FROM THE LIBRARIANS:

Do you remember that we said that there were to be changes coming soon to the library? Well, if you have been in the library lately you have seen what has happened. If not, COME AND SEE—THOSE CHANGES HAVE HAPPENED!! And we think the new arrangement for the younger children will make it much easier for them to find their favorite books and explore others they may not have seen before.



SUMMER READING CLUB

It's time again for all you readers from age 3 through grade 6 to join in reading or (for those who can't read) to be read to 10 hours. Get acquainted with some of the good reading in our library and SOAR HIGH INTO ADVENTURE WITH BOOKS this summer.

“Of making many books there is no end” Ecclesiastes 12:12

Although we have not acquired as many new books in the past few months as sometimes in the past, we do have a few new ones for you to enjoy. We hope you will add some of these to your reading list. Also take time to browse the many books already on our shelves for the excellent reading there that will enrich your lives. Maybe you would like to take the same challenge of reading ten hours this summer as the children are doing in the summer reading program.

This is a list of the most recently acquired books:

- A FLICKERING LIGHT by Jane Kirkpatrick is now in, the first of her “Portrait of a Woman” series. The character portrayed as a protagonist in this biographical fiction is inspired by the author’s grandmother. The period detail of early 20th century offers a compelling portrait of the time.
- Also by Jane Kirkpatrick: AURORA, a fascinating collection of pictures and facts about the crafts and lives of the early colonists of Aurora, OR.
- THE TENDER YEARS by Janette Oke. Though we have two others in her Prairie Legacy Series, this is the first in that series to complete the set.
- HE’S BEEN FAITHFUL is a biographical work by Carol Cymbala, director of the Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir. She relates the story of God’s work in her life and that of the choir. The author is the wife of Jim Cymbala, author of *Fresh Power* and *Fresh Faith*.
- RETHINKING HOLY LAND by Marlin Jeschke is a study in salvation geography. The author argues for a fresh understanding of the Israeli-Palestinian struggle with the land being seen as a gift and not as a subject of conquest.
- ANNIE FUNK is an account written by Sharon Yoder for children, but interesting for all ages, telling of the young woman from a Pennsylvania Mennonite congregation who perished in the sinking of the Titanic.
- Also we have the stories of the DANIEL and MATTIE KAUFFMAN family, and those of Anne (Mrs. Tim) Strubhar’s TOLMSOFF family.

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who did the great job of
crafting the book bin for
the children's books. The
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*If I can right a human wrong,
If I can help to make one strong,
If I can cheer with smile or song,
Lord, show me how.*

++ Kleiser

BOOK REVIEW

Addicted to Life & Death: Memoirs of an EMT & Deputy Coroner by Janice Ballenger

Having experienced some of the worst of scenes as an EMT and later as deputy coroner in Lancaster County, PA, the author thought there was nothing worse that she could see. Her plans were to write a book of memoirs upon her retirement, but after October 2, 2006 found her counting bullet wounds in young Amish girls at the Nickel Mines School, those plans changed. She had been one of a few people to enter that school house and to witness that tragic scene. Thinking she would return home to neatly tuck those images into a room she had constructed in her mind, she found that the room was full.

In her frank, honest way of sharing what she has experienced she reveals the compassion and intense emotions of one who has had to face life and death situations. Her stories are taken from the journal she kept as a way to vent and record her feelings following her responses to emergencies. Sixty pages of the book are devoted to the Nickel Mines School event.

Her descriptions of gruesome scenes might have been less graphic in my opinion. But they do give reality to what emergency responders face, and with that give one an appreciation for what they do as caring, compassionate people.

It may not be a book that everyone can be comfortable reading. But perhaps in reading it a greater appreciation can be gained for the people who serve our communities in this demanding work and whom we tend to take for granted. EMK

A BIT O' HISTORY with excerpts from the library minutes ledger:

- "Minutes of the Zion Sunday School Library Committee meeting held at the Zion Church, Sunday afternoon July 26, 1931 at 4:30 P.M. Chairman: E.Z. Yoder, Secretary: C.I. Kropf." Members of the new committee included the bishop, deacon, two ministers, S.S. superintendent, assistant S.S. superintendent, S.S. treasurer and a member at large.
- April 12, 1933 - "Treasurer's report was given. Bal. carried f'w'd, \$9.19, receipts \$2.09, total, \$11.28, Disbursements, \$4.11, Balance in Treas. \$7.17."
- September 27, 1935 - "It was moved and seconded that the Secretaries and Treasurer be given the authority to purchase supplies needed and repair worn books as necessary. The motion carried."
- November 1947 - "First, the following organization was affected - Chairman - Kenneth Berkey, Vice Chairman - Roy Kenagy, Sec'y & Librarian - Sanford Yoder, Treasurer - Noah Roth. The treasurer reported \$20.46 in treasury."
- October 13, 1948 - "The following books were discussed and ordered purchased:
1. Light From Heaven 2. Lucy Winchester 3. War, Peace, & Non-resistance" and others.
- November 28, 1955 - "There was discussion on how to improve the library and make it more vital in the church life."
- November 27, 1957 - "The meeting was called to order (in the library of the new church) by the chairman Uriah Roth. appreciation was given to Charity Kropf for the bound volumes of the Gospel Herald."