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“Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.”

NEW BOOKS IN OUR LIBRARY

Children's Books

MY FIRST SPANISH WORD BOOK by
Angela Wilkes

This book has dozens of first Spanish words. A lifetime of learning begins here.

EARTH FROM ABOVE for young readers by
Robert Burleigh

BOOK OF THE SEASONS by Angela Wilkes

HOW A PLANT GROWS by Bobbie Kalman

A NEST FULL OF EGGS by Priscilla Belz
Jenkins

LITTLE BEAR'S NEW FRIEND by Muriel
Pepin

Nature is a wonderful tool for learning. Check these out.

THE CHICKEN COOP KID by Karen Renee
Johnson

The story of one girl learning to do chores when asked.

A LITTLE AT A TIME by David A. Adler

This book is about learning patience.

THE NAME JAR by Yangsook Choi

APPLE PIE 4TH OF JULY by Janet S. Wong

TWO RABBITS by Jairo Buitrago and Rafael
Yockteng

STEPPING STONES A Refugee Family's
Journey by Margriet Ruurs

Some children's stories are for adults as well. This one is. It is written in both English and Arabic.

Animal Stories

UNLIKELY FRIENDSHIPS by Jennifer S.
Holland

Heart warming stories of animal friends.

Quilting

AMISH QUILTS CRAFTING AN AMERICAN
ICON by Janneken Smucker

In depth study of what makes an Amish quilt Amish and how they evolved from practical bed linens into contemporary art.

Mennonites

GLOBAL ANABAPTIST PROFILE: Belief and
Practice in 24 Mennonite World Conference
Churches by Conrad Kanagy, Elizabeth Miller, and
John D. Roth

ZION 125 MEMORIES – Stories Collected by Ken
Kauffman

Inspirational

TROUBLE I'VE SEEN Changing the Way the
Church Views Racism by Drew G. I. Hart

PURPOSE DRIVEN CHURCH GROWTH Without
Compromising Your Message and Mission by Rick
Warren

LEARNING TO LOVE THE PEOPLE YOU
DON'T LIKE by Floyd McClung

GIVING IT ALL AWAY AND GETTING IT ALL
BACK AGAIN by David Green and Bill High

*This is the story of the creator and owner of
the popular Hobby Lobby Craft store*

THE BIBLE UNWRAPPED Making Sense of
Scripture Today by Meghan Larissa Good

Missing

The book, I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzia is missing from the library. We love to have people reading books from our library, but remember to check them out when you borrow them. Instructions are on the counter.

Book Reviews

NO ACT OF LOVE IS EVER WASTED The Spirituality of Caring for Persons with Dementia by Jane Marie Thibault, PhD and Richard L. Morgan, PhD

Both of the authors of this book have many years of experience caring for people with dementia and their families. The stories are real and heart wrenching.

Caregiving can be discouraging and challenging, especially for those working at it 24 hours a day. Anyone who knows or loves someone with dementia will benefit from the many ideas that the authors recommend.

The title of the book, No Act of Love is Ever Wasted is inspiring in itself, offering hope and help in even the smallest acts of love. Caregiving and receiving can be seen as mutual opportunities for spiritual growth. People with dementia still want to be known, loved, and respected for who they are.

As I look back on my own life and the opportunities that I missed when I could have taken more time to listen, I feel somewhat guilty, but I am inspired to do better in the future.

This book is not only for caregivers, but for family, friends, congregations and clergy. I would highly recommend reading this book.

-Janice Miller

JESUS, THE ONE AND ONLY
by Beth Moore

Who is Jesus to you? Delve into this thoughtful portrait of Jesus Christ. Examine the Gospel of Luke for answers to this question. Seek out and inquire of Jesus. Beth Moore is not merely referring to many scriptures to give background and evidence of Jesus Christ. She is sharing of herself and how Jesus desires you to be close to Him. Leisurely take some time to indulge yourself, perhaps add a few brush strokes of your own. This is not just another Bible study, it motivates you to slow down, get involved, have a personal relationship with Jesus. It is not only in your best interest, it is being a good steward, as Beth explains “We will never spend our time more valuably than in the pursuit of knowing Jesus Christ.

Upon finishing the book, ask yourself the question again: Who is Jesus to you? It is my prayer, you will be proclaiming Psalm 63 “O God, you are my God...my soul thirsts for you...Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.”

-Sheri Nofziger

THE EVERYTHING BIBLE BOOK From Genesis to Revelation, all you need to understand the Old and New Testaments by Rev. John Trigilio and Rev. Kenneth Brighenti

Top Ten Little Known Facts about the Bible:

1. The word “bible” is not anywhere in the Bible.
2. The Bible never identified the forbidden fruit eaten by Adam and Eve as being an apple.
3. The Ten Commandments are not numbered in the Bible.
4. The names of the Kings or “Wise Men” are never mentioned in the Bible.
5. The Bible never said that Paul fell “off a horse.”
6. The Bible was originally written with no chapter or verse.
7. The Bible does not contain a list of which books belong in it.
8. The King James Version was not the first English translation of the Bible.
9. The Bible was originally written as separate books by different authors spanning many centuries.
10. The Bible is the oldest and most consistent bestselling book of all time with more than 20 million copies sold annually.

This information and a whole lot more is found in The Everything Bible Book.

Reading Books

As I look back on the year 2018, of the 48 books that I have read, two stand out in my mind. They are The Rent Collector by Cameron Wright. This is the story of families living on the dump in Cambodia and the difference learning to read can make.

The second book is, Love Undocumented by Sarah Quezada and is the story of a young girl learning that the guy she is dating is an illegal immigrant and what they do about it.