

Additions to the Library

October 2010

The following list includes books that were added to your church library. Check the card catalog under author or title for call numbers. Books check out for one month at a time.

Fruit of the Spirit

Secrets to Exceptional Living: Transforming your life through the Fruit of the Spirit. By Joyce Meyer. It is important to God that we have more love, joy and peace in our lives—more patience, kindness and goodness—more faithfulness, humility and self-control. By developing these attributes of God's nature we are empowered to be more like Him. See how developing these traits can impact your life and the world around you.

Silver Boxes: The Gift of Encouragement. By Florence Littauer. How often words are spoken unintentionally that inflict pain on another. How easy it would be to lift that person instead with a kind word or smile of approval. Littauer refers to such small acts of encouragement as "silver boxes," which also may take the form of a note, small gift or act of kindness. The gift is so simple to give and means so much to the one who receives it.

About Love

Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God. By Francis Chan. "It's crazy, if you think about it. The God of the universe—Creator of nitrogen and pine needles, galaxies and E-minor—loves us with a radical unconditional, self-sacrificing love. And what is our typical response? We go to church, sing songs, and try not to cuss." Chan sends out a clarion call to awaken a sleeping church mired in complacency. *(Library also has this title in an audio book.)*

The Five Love Languages: How to express heartfelt commitment to your mate. By Gary Chapman. Chapman identifies five love languages or ways that love is expressed: quality time, words of affirmation, gifts, acts of service and physical touch. Some people speak one language and not another. Discover the languages that you and your mate speak to make communication in marriage effective.

Letters from Ruth's Attic: 31 daily insights for knowing God's love. By Ruth Bell Graham. Billy Graham's wife presents 31 short, but powerful, devotions that showcase God's love for us and encourage us to love each other as well. Each contains a Bible verse and a prayer.

About Comfort

When Your Doctor Has Bad News: Simple Steps to Strength, Healing and Hope. By Al B. Weir. (Approved by the Christian Medical Association and with an introduction by Joni Eareckson Tada) Dr. Weir is a practicing oncologist with a pastor's heart. Some patients with serious diagnoses will sink into despair and hopelessness while others receive the news with a resilience that bodes well for their recovery. Without offering easy answers, Weir tries to equip the patient to ask questions and make choices that offer the best hope for healing while growing closer to God.

Toward Understanding

The Jewish Book of Why. By Alfred J. Kolatch. Why is the mirror in a house of mourning covered or turned around to face the wall? Why do Jews eat gefilte fish? Why do some brides walk around the groom at wedding ceremonies? Why does Jewish law forbid hunting? These are a few of the many questions answered in this book. Without judging the merits of practices, practically every symbol, custom, and tradition is presented including the origin, evolution and significance of each.

Christian Fiction

Contemporary

Jimmy. By Robert Whitlow. Jimmy, a 13-year-old boy with an IQ of 69, was rejected by his birth mother, but raised with a loving and devoted father and stepmother. He is especially close to his grandfather who teaches him patiently and loves him unconditionally. Despite his handicaps, he has some special abilities that make him unusual...an amazing memory and a spiritual sense that allows him to see “watchers,” invisible to others. His phenomenal memory will put him in danger. You won’t forget Jimmy.

Crossing Oceans. By Gina Holmes. Jenny Lucas left home pregnant and alone never intending to return. Six years later she does return to her North Carolina home town to try and decide who will take care of her little girl after she is gone—her father whom she hasn’t spoken to since she left home or her child’s father who doesn’t know he has a daughter.

Suspense

Tomorrow We Die. By Shawn Grady. After too many calls that ended badly, Paramedic Jonathan Trestle is able to revive a man suffering cardiac arrest long enough for him to hand him a crumpled piece of paper and say, “Give this to Martin.” To honor this request, Jonathan finds himself snared in a murder mystery with his only clue a scrap of paper covered with indecipherable dashes.

Deceived. By James Scott Bell. Arty Towne’s death in Pack Canyon on the edge of L.A. not far from another body with a saddlebag full of diamonds, brings together three people: his beautiful blonde widow Liz who had been unhappy when her husband quit his lucrative job because of moral reasons; his sister Rocky, with a lovely but scarred face, who distrusts her sister-in-law; and Mac, an ex-con who became a Christian in prison and is trying to persevere in the faith despite obstacles.

Historical

The Centurion’s Wife. By Davis Bunn and Janette Oke. When her family’s wealth and power are lost forever, Leah is sent to Pontius Pilate, a family relation, to find her a suitable marriage. His choice is Alban, a Roman centurion, head of a garrison in Galilee—not a choice Leah would have made. With the death of an obscure rabbi—and the disappearance of his body—Alban’s career, his beliefs and his life are to be put at risk.

Voyage of the Exiles. By Patricia Hickman. First sentenced to the gallows, pickpocket George Prentice is relieved to have his sentence reduced to seven years of hard labor in New South Wales, Australia, a penal colony for England in the 18th century. Torn apart from his family, he joins 700 British convicts in a fleet of 11 ships bound for virtual slavery. Surviving the voyage is just the first hurdle.

Historical Romance

One True Love. By Lori Copeland. Tragedy strikes Copper Wilson, a young Timber Creek schoolmarm, her very first week on the job. The schoolhouse catches fire, and Copper suffers serious injury while ushering the students to safety. Suddenly she is on a wagon train to Colorado to see the only doctor who can help her walk again.

Paper Roses. By Amanda Cabot. Leaving the past behind in Philadelphia, mail-order bride Sarah Dobbs arrives in San Antonio ready to meet her groom whose letters, her “paper roses,” have won her heart from afar. She finds her husband-to-be has been murdered, and his brother is intent on finding the killer. Sarah tries to reconcile herself to a future that has drastically changed.

Scattered Petals. By Amanda Cabot. Longing for adventure, Priscilla Morton leaves Boston in 1856 for the Texas Hill Country, never dreaming of the heartbreaking consequences that lie ahead. Although attracted to her, ranch foreman Zachary Webster knows she deserves better than a cowboy haunted by past mistakes...mistakes that are bound to surface again.

October 2010

Lamons Warren, Librarian

