



The Librarian

Christmas 2009



To inform, encourage, entertain and inspire....



The Advent Wreath is the widely recognized symbol of Advent. The wreath is made of a circle of evergreen branches laid flat to symbolize eternal life. Four candles (*sometimes all red, some times different colours, with specific meanings within a denomination*) stand in the circle and each one represents one of the four Sundays of Advent. In the centre of the circle is a fifth candle (*traditionally white*), the Christ Candle, which is lit on Christmas Day, or Christmas Eve. The circle of the wreath reminds Christians of God, His eternity and endless mercy, which has no beginning or end. The green of the wreath speaks of the hope that Christians have in God, the hope of newness, of renewal, of eternal life. Advent leads us through a journey that finds its fulfillment on Christmas Day. Christians use the Advent candles to celebrate this period with one lit every Sunday of Advent so that during the last week before Christmas all four candles are lit. The last central candle (*which represents Christ*), is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. This signifies that **Jesus, the True Light of the World, has come.**

Christmas in the Library!

Although there are a number of new Christmas items (books, movies, music) in the library this year, there are a great many from past years set out in the library.

Please come in and browse...you are sure to find something to suit your taste...and to help make Christ's Birth more meaningful to you and your family.



Wspaniałe Świąt Bożego Narodzenia

Family Advent Afternoon

Sat, Dec 5 (1:00–3:00 PM)

Fun! Crafts! Activities!

In the Library, there will be *Christmas stories* read to the children, and a special *Christmas movie* to watch!

Bring a friend; relax and enjoy the fun!



The Library Staff would like to wish everyone at Bethel, a very wonder-filled Christmas!

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Thanks to John Michael Sullivan (See Luke 2:1-16) 12-23-2005
AT LEAST WE CAN SAY THAT HE WAS BROUGHT UP IN A STABLE HOME

New Library Items:

Fiction:

- *Homespun Christmas.....Colleen Reece
- *Home.....Marilynne Robinson
- *One Perfect Gift.....Kathleen Morgan
- *The Winter Seeking.....Vinita Wright
- *Bitter Sweet Christmas.....Joyce Livingston
- Colorado Weddings.....Joyce Livingston
- The Atonement Child.....Francine Rivers
- Redeeming Love: *(with study guide)*.....Francine Rivers
- A Bride in the Bargain.....Deanne Gist
- Distant Bells.....Diane Noble
- The Dowry of Miss Lydia Clark *(Bk 3)*.....Lawana Blackwell
- Fourth Dawn *(A.D. Chronicles, Bk 4)*.....Bodie Thoene
- Gardenias for Breakfast *(Women of Faith)*....Robin Gunn
- Like Gold Refined.....Janette Oke
- Nightbringer.....James Huggins
- Ruby's Slippers.....Leanna Ellis
- She Always Wore Red.....Angela Hunt
- South Carolina.....Yvonne Lehman
- New Mexico.....Janet Barton
- Alabama.....Kay Cornelius
- Sweet Home Alabama.....Paige Dooly
- Summer *(Sunrise Series #2)*.....Karen Kingsbury
- Sunset *(Sunrise Series #4)*.....Karen Kingsbury
- Fame.....Karen Kingsbury
- A Thousand Tomorrows.....Karen Kingsbury
- Through Every Storm.....Sharlene MacLaren
- White Soul.....Brandt Dodson
- Who Brings Forth the Wind.....Lori Wick
- A Flickering Light.....Jane Kirkpatrick
- A Sweetness to the Soul.....Jane Kirkpatrick
- A Claim of Her Own.....Stephanie Whitson
- Deeper Water.....Robert Whitlow
- Grace at Low Tide.....Beth Hart
- Joshua: A Parable for Today.....Joseph Girzone
- Loving Libby.....Robin Hatcher
- The Restitution *(Bk 3)*.....M L Tyndall

Look for these newest' items...
displayed on the library countertop.

New Christmas Music

- **A Christmas Story**
These are Christmas classics, sung by the **Ottawa Bach Choir** and accompanied by a **harp**. Such as: Carol of the Bells; Little Drummer Boy; I Wonder as I Wander; A Ceremony of Carols Opus 28.
- **Christmas Celebration**
(Angels We Have Heard on High; It Came Upon a Midnight Clear; Away in a Manger; Silent Night, Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus; We Three Kings; God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen; Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming; While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks; Angels From the Realm of Glory; What Child is This; The Holly and the Ivy)



Non-Fiction:

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| *Crazy About Christmas.....Mark Gilroy | NF 248.2 | GIL |
| Bein' a Grandparent Ain't for Wimps.....Karen O'Connor | NF 248.8 | OCO |
| The Five Love Languages of Your Family.....Gary Chapman | NF 248.83 | CHA |
| Get Out of That Pit.....Beth Moore | NF 248 | MOO |
| Reflections of A Grieving Spouse.....Norman Wright | NF 248.86 | WRI |
| When Your Family's Lost A Loved One.....David Guthrie | NF 248.8 | GUT |
| Understanding Intelligent Design.....William Demski | NF 213 | DEM |
| Wild Things: The Art of Nurturing Boys.....Stephen James | NF 248.8 | JAM |
| The Call.....Rick Joyner | NF 248.2 | JOY |
| A Dickens of A Cat.....Callie Grant | NF 242.6 | GRA |

* New Christmas books for adults

New Library Items...cont'd

Non-fiction (cont'd):

Glimpses of Heaven.....	Trudy Harris	NF 248.86	HAR
Healing Your Traumatized Heart.....	Alan Wolfelt	NF 248.86	WOL
The Heavenly Man.....	Brother Yun	NF 267.3	YUN
A Prince Among Dogs.....	Callie Grant	NF 248.2	GRA
The Twenty-piece Shuffle.....	Greg Paul	NF 248.4	PAU
Unveiling Islam.....	Urgun Caner	NF 297	CAN
Wide Awake: The Future is Waiting for You.....	Erwin McManus	NF 248.4	MCM
You Are My Hiding Place, Lord.....	Emilie Barnes	NF 242.6	BAR
Your Relationship With God.....	Gary Smalley	NF 248.4	SMA



Youth:

Lunatic (<i>The Lost Books, Bk 5</i>).....	Ted Dekker	Y F DEK
Elyon (<i>The Lost Books, Bk 6</i>).....	Ted Dekker	Y F DEK
Girls Only! Volume One.....	Beverly Lewis	Y F LEW
Girls Only! Volume Two.....	Beverly Lewis	Y F LEW
Kingdom's Dawn (<i>Bk 1</i>).....	Chuck Black	Y F BLA
Kingdom's Edge (<i>Bk 3</i>).....	Chuck Black	Y F BLA
Kingdom's Quest (<i>Bk 5</i>).....	Chuck Black	Y F BLA
Sir Bentley and Holbrook Court (<i>Bk 2</i>).....	Chuck Black	Y F BLA
Sir Dalton and the Shadow Heart (<i>Bk 3</i>).....	Chuck Black	Y F BLA



Junior:

All That Glitters.....	Nicole O'Dell	J F ODE
Truth or Dare.....	Nicole O'Dell	J F ODE
The Royal Tea Party (<i>Gigi</i>).....	Sheila Walsh	J F WAL
Day-By-Day Bible.....	Karyn Henley	J NF 220 HEN
I Can Read God's Word: Key Bible Passages...Phil Smouse		J NF 220 SMO
Questions From Little Hearts.....	Kathleen Bostrom	J NF 230 BOS
What is the Bible?.....	Kathleen Bostrom	J NF 220 BOS



Children:

100 Ways to Know God Loves Me.....	Stephen Elkins	CH ELK
I'm Not Scared of Halloween Night.....	Laurie Knowlton	CH KNO
Jake Goes Fishing (<i>I Can Read, Level 2</i>).....	Crystal Bowman	CH BOW
Mommy, May I Hug the Fish? (<i>Lev 1</i>).....	Crystal Bowman	CH BOW
Jesus Loves Me (<i>Baby Blessings, Bdbk</i>).....	Anna Warner	CH WAR
Little Hamster and the Great Flood.....	Caroline Church	CH CHU
Lost Sheep Story.....	Christina Goodings	CH GOO
Noah's Ark Story.....	Victoria Tebbs	CH TEB
A Picnic With the Barleys(<i>Courage/Forgiveness</i>).....	Karen Hunt	CH HUN
The Rumpoles and the Barleys (<i>Being Thankful</i>).....	Karen Hunt	CH HUN
Will: God's Mighty Warrior.....	Sheila Walsh	CH WAL



Resources:

God Made Your Body.....	Jim Burns	R 241 BUR
How God Makes Babies.....	Jim Burns	R 241 BUR
The Purity Code: God's plan for sex and your body.....	Jim Burns	R 241 BUR

Children's: Christmas Items: (all new this year!)

Lift the Flap Nativity
Long Ago in Bethlehem
Crazy About Christmas.
The Christmas Blessing
Silent Night
Baby Jesus is Born
The Story of Christmas
My Christmas Stocking
A Star for Jesus
We Believe in Christmas
Come and See Baby Jesus
Lonestar Christmas
Saint Nicholas; A VT Christmas Book
Saint Nicholas; A VT Christmas (DVD)
Holiday Pack (2 Christmas DVDs)
Little Shepherd (DVD)
Read and Share Bible (DVD)
Little Things (Serving God) (DVD)

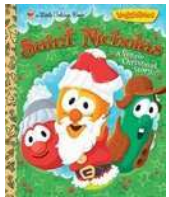
Look for these new *Children's Christmas Items* on the small round table in the library.

We Believe In Christmasby Karen Kingsbury

"If we want the perfect star to shine upon our tree, Look and see that Brightest Star, and there will Christmas be."
On Christmas we give and get presents, we sing songs, and we decorate our homes. But what is **Christmas** really about? Is our happy holiday a Holy Day?

Find out why we place the **star** on the Christmas tree. Imagine Christmas guests as travelers of long ago. And let the beautiful song "Silent Night" fill your mind with pictures of the night Jesus was born. Because **Christmas** is God's gift to us - and if we look around and remember, we'll learn to see the *real Christmas*.

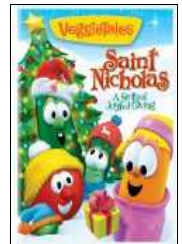
This endearing story by bestselling novelist *Karen Kingsbury* will capture the hearts of children and parents and grandparents will appreciate the applications they can share.



Celebrate Christmas with the Veggie Tales! (Book and DVD!)

Bob, Larry, and all the other vegetables celebrate Christmas with the story of how the real Saint Nicholas got so good giving gifts in this delightful Little Golden Book retelling of the new Veggie Tales seasonal **book & DVD**, *Saint Nicholas: A Veggie Christmas Story*.

Kids can learn the true origins of Santa Claus and the real meaning of Christmas in this animated adventure starring Junior Asparagus, Laura Carrot, and Bob the Tomato. It's **Christmastime** for Junior Asparagus, but Laura Carrot may not get any presents since her father just lost his job. To show all the young vegetables the definition of generosity, Bob the Tomato takes the crisp creatures back to ancient Greece where they will encounter Saint Nicholas, who teaches the veggies how to give in the true meaning of Christmas.



Little Shepherd (DVD)

Another new movie to enjoy with all the family. Experience the wonder of the

very first Christmas....with the Little Shepherd!

My Christmas Stocking: (Book)

What happens on Christmas Eve while children sleep? "Their stockings are filled up with candy and toys, and happy surprises for good girls and boys." A kindhearted man hid a gift in a stocking, long ago. He did it to "remind everyone of the Gift that God sent." Christmas stockings help us remember God's love.

Hanging Christmas stockings has become a holiday tradition. But where did that custom come from? It all began with a kind-hearted, God-loving man Through charming couplets, author Crystal Bowman takes us back in time to the origins of the Christmas stocking tradition.

Children and adults alike will smile with delight as they learn why and how this custom came about. Die-cut in the shape of a Christmas stocking, **My Christmas Stocking** helps put gift-giving in perspective. Parents, grandparents, and preschool teachers will find this lovely story a joy to read.



Veggie Tales Holiday Pack: (Includes 2 great movies and 29 songs!)

Movies:

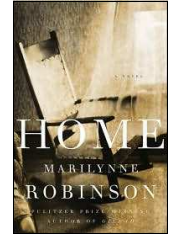
- **The Star of Christmas...**Bob and Larry are putting the finishing touches on their first Christmas musical "The Princess and the Plumber". Unfortunately, Jr. Asparagus' Christmas Pageant is scheduled the same night. Which will London turn out to see? Find out in this story that can teach us to love one another.
- **The Toy That Saved Christmas...**With the children of Dinkletown whining and begging for more toys from Mr. Nezzzer's Toy Factory, it's sure to be the worst Christmas ever! Until one brave little Buzz-Saw Louie doll decides to take matters into his own hands! A delightful holiday adventure for the whole family!

Book Reviews...

Fiction:

Homespun Christmas... by Colleen Reece... For the good citizens of Hope, Washington, the future appears hopeless- until a small boy's crazy idea for a Homespun Christmas begins to turn things around. A century earlier, when pastor Fergus McKay came as pioneer to the small logging village of Hope, he envisioned a place where couples could fall in love and grow old together in service to God and community. But over the years, the hope died - and all that remained was a village filled with despair. This Christmas, will the vision of that young minister find fulfillment at last? Can the Christmas wishes of one small boy ignite the fires of optimism in the citizens of Hope, Washington, once again? Enjoy the holiday season as it once was - and may be again - in a town called Hope. Discover a real Homespun Christmas

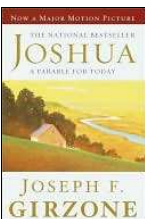
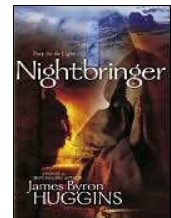
Home... by Marilynne Robinson... won the Orange Prize 2009. It is a sad and slow moving book but rich in characterization and in human understanding. It is set in the 1950s in Gilead where a brother and sister return as adults to live in the family home. Glory comes home to nurse her dying father and Jack, the prodigal son, returns home in search of reconciliation and inner peace. Each of their stories unfolds slowly. Jack and Glory form a bond and acquire an understanding of each other and a mutual understanding of the burden of parental expectations. Glory accepts her role as preserver of the home and teaches Jack love and self respect. It is a beautiful tale of hope and redemption written in magnificently descriptive prose. This book will become a classic novel read for generations.



The Winter Seeking... by Vinita Wright... Twenty-two-year-old Mary Georgiana Reese faces a gauntlet of pain and loss: her parents' divorce and her dad's remarriage, her mother's battle with cancer, and her own recent breakup. Amidst such turmoil, she can't imagine facing Christmas with her mom's family in Atlanta. Then she is confronted with one more unnerving shift: her mother's reconnection with the Christian faith of her youth.

Though Mary Georgiana has little use for religion, she attempts for her mother's sake to understand this spiritual reawakening. In the process, she comes face to face with another Mary: a virgin heavy with child, making her own uncertain journey through circumstances that bring both fear and hope. As their two stories intertwine, each young woman travels through a season of pain and joy, with surprising results. Their dual journey of winter seeking, centered on the Christ child, invites you to an experience of the Nativity unlike any other.

Nightbringer... by James Huggins... An ancient evil has darkened the halls of Saint Gregory's Abbey in the Italian Alps. The once peaceful monastery becomes a murderous battleground as the monks and a group of visiting tourists find themselves locked in a hopeless battle with an unstoppable force. Cut off from the outside world by a sinister snowstorm, the group of defenders must fight for their survival and for their very souls. But from among the defenders arises an ageless holy warrior who alone has the skill and power to stem the bloody tide of evil. In the epic battle that will decide the fate of all involved, the warrior must not only struggle against a familiar foe of mythic might but also rediscover the faith and love that have carried him through a thousand battles.



Joshua: A Parable for Today... by Joseph Girzone..... Joseph Girzone wrote his *parable* in 1983 and published it himself with neither accompanying fanfare nor expectation of the extraordinary effect it would have on people around the world. With only word-of-mouth for advertising, and by virtue of its simple message of love, 'Joshua' became an international force of spiritual strength. After its modest beginnings, **Joshua** and its sequels have millions of readers around the world and continue to bring hope and peace to all who seek nourishment.

When Joshua moves to a small cabin on the edge of town, the local people are at first mystified, then confused by his presence. A quiet and simple man, Joshua appears to seek nothing for himself. He supports himself solely by carpentry and woodworking, and he charges very little for his services. Yet his work is exquisite. Even more exquisite, and even more mysterious, is the extraordinary effect he has on everyone he meets. All who come in contact with him can't help but be transformed by his incredible warmth. The acceptance and love in his eyes and in each actions amazes the townspeople. Who is Joshua and just what is he up to? The answer to that question amazes them almost as much as the discovery of that same transforming power in each of their own hearts.

Fame... by Karen Kingsbury... The first novel in Karen Kingsbury's **Firstborn series** stars two world-class actors. After his shocking discovery in Kingsbury's Redemption series, Dayne Matthews returns to Hollywood. Meanwhile, young thespian Katy Hart receives the opportunity of a lifetime: a lead part opposite Dayne in a major motion picture.



More Book Reviews.....Non-Fiction:

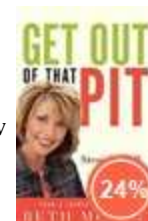
Bein' a Grandparent Ain't for Wimps.....Karen O'Connor

Nothing beats being a grandparent! Gifted communicator and grandma Karen O'Connor shares more than 80 stories that highlight the delightful, humorous, and astounding ways grandchildren fill our hearts. Based on true grandparenting experiences, each story celebrates the countless blessings God gives us through our youngest family members. As Karen says, "What would our lives be like without sticky kisses, heavenly hugs, and hand-printed birthday notes?" In this audio book each short story ends with an encouraging verse of Scripture and a brief prayer asking God to help you make a positive difference in the lives of these young ones who help you love and laugh in ways you never imagined.



Get Out of That Pit...by Beth Moore

From her first breath of fresh air beyond the pit, it has never been enough for **Beth Moore** to be free. This best-selling author and Bible teacher who has opened the riches of Scripture to millions longs for you to be free as well-to know the Love and Presence that are better than life and the power of God's Word that defies all darkness. Beth's journey out of the pit has been heart-rending. But from this and the poetic expressions of Psalm 40 has come the reward: a new song for her soul, given by her Saviour and offered to you in *Get Out of That Pit*-friend to friend. This is Beth's most stirring message yet of the sheer hope, utter deliverance, and complete and glorious freedom of God. "I waited patiently for the Lord; He turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit. He set my feet on a rock. He put a new song in my mouth." This a story, a song-a salvation-that you can know too.



When Your Family's Lost a Loved One.....by Nancy and David Guthrie

All families eventually face the loss of a loved one. When it happens, it can place great strain on a marriage, as well as on other relationships. That's partly because we don't know what to do with our feelings and partly because every family member grieves in his or her own way. In this book, **Nancy and David Guthrie** explore the family dynamics involved when a loved one dies--and debunk some myths about family grief. Through their own experiences of losing two young children and interviews with those who've faced losing spouses and parents, they show how grief can actually pull a family closer together rather than tearing it apart.

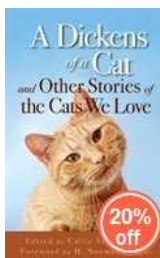
Wild Things: The Art of Nurturing Boys...Stephen James

Playing off the themes in the Caldecott Medal-winning children's book *Where the Wild Things Are*, this informative, practical, and encouraging guide will help parents guide boys down the path to healthy and authentic manhood. *Wild Things* addresses the physical, emotional, and spiritual parts of a boy, written by two therapists who are currently engaged in clinical work with boys and their parents and who are also fathers raising five sons. Contains chapters such as Sit Still! Pay Attention! Deficits and Disappointments, and Rituals, Ceremonies, and Rites of Passage.



Dickens of A Cat...Callie Grant

Pets are such a big part of so many of our lives. As any pet lover knows, a wagging tail or a tender purr can soothe the soul after a hard day. And sometimes, the presence of dogs and cats in our lives can do even more. In these delightful books, Callie Smith Grant collects stories that celebrate the dogs and cats in our lives--stories that touch our hearts, renew our spirit, and show us how God created these beasts for unique purposes. A funny little dog named Prince earns his title by protecting the children of the house. A "dickens of a cat" gives a cancer survivor something else to think about. A lively litter of puppies soothes a troubled child. A scrawny kitten helps an anorexic girl begin to eat. Well-known authors, including **Melody Carlson, Tracie Peterson, and Robert Benson**, as well as new voices share their inspirational true stories of these otherwise ordinary cats and dogs whose presence in the lives of humans make them remarkable. Each book also includes interesting sidebars, memorable quotes, helpful hints for living with dogs and cats, and forewords by H. Norman Wright. The stories are warm, captivating, and ideal for a good curl-up-and-read or for a gift to any pet lover. Cat lovers, dog lovers, and anyone who likes to read uplifting stories will cherish these books.



You are My Hiding Place, Lord.....Emilie Barnes

After years of communicating with women across the nation, bestselling author **Emilie Barnes** knows what needs are foremost in their hearts and minds. In these devotions, Emilie uses examples of God's faithfulness, His care, and His love, and leads readers to bring those needs to God's presence as they....

- cultivate a gentle spirit and a godly attitude
- celebrate life's joys, large and small, with gratitude
- trust in God's touch in the midst of their troubles and pain
- build their marriages and families on a foundation of faith
- season life with God's Word, hope, and wisdom

With inspirational verses, prayers, and motivating action points, these devotions guide women to the sanctuary of God's heart and to the remarkable peace of His love.

