



The Librarian

Spring 2011



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

Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in spring-time. ~Martin Luther



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Sunday, May 1st
At Bethel

Come and find new Christian gifts
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- Lists of new library items
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(Brian McLaren)
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for Book
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Come into the Library for Easter!

There are many 'Easter' books and DVDs on the Display Table and on Display Shelves, in the Children's Corner, for Children.
Also, find 'Easter' items for adults....



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We Wish everyone a
Blessed Easter!

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INCLUDES HERE

New Library Items:

New Fiction:

Abbie Ann (<i>Daughters of Jacob #3</i>)	Sharlene MacLaren	F MAC
The Affectionate Adversary	Catherine Palmer	F PAL
Beguiled	Deeanne Gist	F GIS
Blue Heart Blessed	Susan Meissner	F MEI
Fields of Grace	Kim Sawyer	F SAW
In Every Heartbeat	Kim Sawyer	F SAW
Where the Heart Leads	Kim Sawyer	F SAW
Finding Marie	Susan Davis	F DAV
Fools Rush In (<i>Weddings by Bella #1</i>)	Janice Thompson	F THO
The Gunsmith's Gallantry (<i>Ladies' S Club #2</i>)	Susan Davis	F DAV
How Sweet It Is	Alice Wisler	F WIS
Never Let You Go	Erin Healy	F HEA
Olympic Memories	Lynn Coleman	F COL
Possibilities	Debra Smith	F SMI
Predator	Terri Blackstock	F BLA
A Proper Pursuit	Lynn Austin	F AUS
Race to the Altar	Ronald Benrey	F BEN
A Rose by the Door	Deborah Bedford	F BED
Seaside Letters	Denise Hunter	F HUN
The Sheriff's Surrender (<i>Ladies' S Club #1</i>)	Susan Davis	F DAV
Too Close to Home (<i>Women of Justice #1</i>)	Lynette Eason	F EAS
Unwilling Warrior	Andrea Boeshaar	F BOE
Embrace the Dawn (<i>Scot Highlands #1</i>)	Kathleen Morgan	F MOR
A Surrendered Heart (<i>Broadmoor Legacy #3</i>)	Tracie Peterson	F PET
Dear Lady (<i>Coming to America #1</i>)	Robin Hatcher	F HAT
Patterns of Love (<i>Coming to America #2</i>)	Robin Hatcher	F HAT
In His Arms (<i>Coming to America #3</i>)	Robin Hatcher	F HAT
Promised to Me (<i>Coming to America #4</i>)	Robin Hatcher	F HAT
Jane Austin Ruined My Life	Beth Pattillo	F PAT
Facelift	Leanna Ellis	F ELL
Jillian Dare	Melanie Jeschke	F JES
Times and Seasons	Beverly LaHaye	F LAH
Yellow Rose Trilogy	Lori Wick	F WIC



New Non-Fiction:

Authentic Parenting in a Postmodern Culture	Mary Demuth	NF 248.8 DEM
Chicken Soup for the Working Woman's Soul	Jack Canfield	NF 242 CAN
Chicken Soup for the Christian Woman's Soul	Jack Canfield	NF242 CAN
I'm Not Suffering From Insanity, I'm Enjoying...	Karen Linamen	NF 248.8 LIN
Moments of Peace in the Presence of God	Bethany House	NF 242.5 BET
Muslims, Christians and Jesus:...	Carl Medearis	NF 290 MED
The Power of a Prayer	Eugene Peterson	NF 248.3 PET
To Own a Dragon; (<i>Growing up without a Father</i>)	Donald Miller	NF 248.8 MIL
Building Faith at Home	Mark Holmen	NF 248.8 HOL
Choosing Your Faith: In a world of spiritual options	Mark Mittelberg	NF 239 MIT
A Credible Witness: Reflections on power, evangelism, race	Brenda McNeil	NF MOR

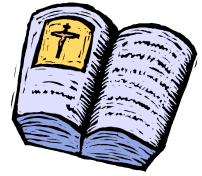


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New Library Items: (cont'd)

(New non-fiction items...cont'd)

Everybody Wants to Change the World	Anthony Campolo	NF 261.8 CAM
Everything Must Change: Jesus, Global Crises, Rev of Hope	Brian McLaren	NF 248.4 MCL
The Faith: What Christians Believe	Charles Colson	NF 248.4 COL
The Good Life: Seeking Purpose, Meaning, Truth	Charles Colson	NF 248.4 COL



Children's:

Esther (<i>Kids Favorite Bible Stories</i>)	Stephen Elkins	CH NF 220 ELK
Jesus (<i>Kids Favorite Bible Stories</i>)	Stephen Elkins	CH NF 220 ELK
Jonah (<i>Kids Favorite Bible Stories</i>)	Stephen Elkins	CH NF 220 ELK
Moses (<i>Kids Favorite Bible Stories</i>)	Stephen Elkins	CH NF 220 ELK
Noah (<i>Kids Favorite Bible Stories</i>)	Stephen Elkins	CH NF 220 ELK
Ruth & Naomi (<i>Kids Favorite Bible Stories</i>)	Stephen Elkins	CH NF 220 ELK
Samson (<i>Kids Favorite Bible Stories</i>)	Stephen Elkins	CH NF 220 ELK



New DVDs:

My First Bible Library	Wonder Kids	DVD CH 220 WON
Easter (<i>Read & Share Bible Series</i>)	Jesus Series	DVD CH 232 EAS
Get Ready for Greta Von Gruesome!	Larry Boy	DVD CH LAR
Heroes of the Bible! (<i>Moses, Miriam, Joseph</i>)	VeggieTales	DVD CH VEG
The Joseph King of Dreams/ <i>Prince of Egypt</i>		DVD CH 220 DRE
Letters to God		DVD LET



New Resources:

And then I Had Teenagers...	Susan Yates	R 248.8 YAT
Remembering the Forgotten God: (<i>Sm Grp Stdy?</i>)	Francis Chan	R 231.3 CHA



*Read a good book lately?
Wish to share it with others?*

Personal reviews and recommendations are the *best way* to share the good news that you especially enjoyed a certain book, DVD or CD.

Please consider giving us your views, and we can publish it in

The Librarian.

Thank you.

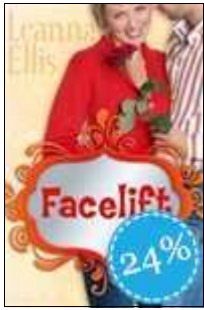
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Easter DVDs for Children:

- An Easter Carol (VT)
- Easter Is
- Easter (*Concordia*)
- Easter Today // Easter Forever (FF)
- The Miracle Maker
- Easter: Moe and the Big Exit (VT)
- The Purple Club Easter Adventure
- The Story of Easter
- The True Easter Series
- The Easter Story Keepers (Z)



Reviews of Selected Items:

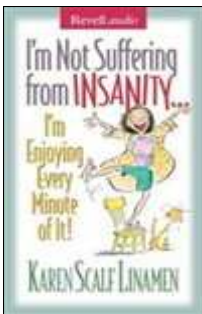
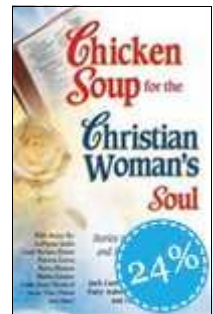


Facelift (F).....by Leanna Ellis

Kaye Redmond stages houses for resale, so masking trouble spots with strategic decor comes naturally. She does it in her personal life as well - her can-do attitude and ready smile disguising the emotional wear-and-tear of a failed marriage and raising a teenage daughter alone. But when her former mother-in-law comes back around, desperate for a place to stay while recovering from a botched facelift, Kaye begins to realize there's a much more authentic way to brighten one's countenance: look to God and His plan for her life.

Chicken Soup for the Christian Woman's Soul (NF) by Jack Canfield

Christian women who make God and family a priority in their life will love *Chicken Soup for the Christian Woman's Soul*, an affirming collection of stories that share the miracles that are possible. Christian women who make God and family a priority in their life will love **Chicken Soup for the Christian Woman's Soul**, an affirming collection of stories that share the miracles that are possible when their hearts are open to God. This wonderful new addition is filled with compelling real-life accounts of how women from all denominations were buoyed by their faith during incredibly challenging circumstances: amazing women who maintained faith in God's divine plan instead of succumbing to fear and doubt; caring women who offered compassion instead of criticism when others needed help; and dedicated women who chose the righteous path when there was an easier one to take. With chapters on God's Healing Power, Friendship, Making a Difference, Challenges, A Matter of Perspective, Miracles, Insights and Lessons and The Love of a Family, this faith-filled collection will encourage Christian women to follow Jesus' example on their walk through life. Like a favorite passage from Scripture, this book will offer hope, support and inspiration to Christian women.

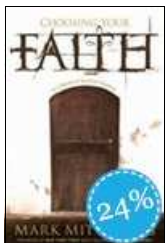
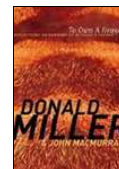


I'm Not suffering from Insanity, I'm enjoying every minute of it! (NF) By Karen Linamen

If there's anything Karen Linamen knows, it's that sometimes life can feel crazy. She also knows that hope, healing, and humor go hand in hand. This new book offers plenty of each. If there's anything Karen Linamen knows, it's that sometimes life can feel crazy. She also knows that hope, healing, and humor go hand in hand. This new book offers plenty of each. **I'm Not Suffering from Insanity, I'm Enjoying Every Minute of It!** follows on the heels of her best-selling **Sometimes I Wake Up Grumpy and Sometimes I Let Him Sleep** and, like her other books, is crammed with laugh-out-loud observations, intimate confessions, sound advice, and heartfelt encouragement. With suggestions ranging from the side-splitting to the sublime, Linamen shows women who feel they're 'going crazy' how to jumpstart stalled friendships, practice their passions, embrace God's unconditional love, and replace grudges with gratitude. In the process, she reveals how to get well-groomed eyebrows that will outlast a Maytag washer and even how to experience better living through crown molding...all without missing a punch line. With her trademark transparency and wit intact, Linamen encourages women once again to embrace passion, wellness, and joy in every area of their lives. Sanity, as she points out, is optional!

To Own a Dragon: Growing Up Without a Father (NF) by Donald Miller

Join *Donald Miller*, the best-selling author of **Blue Like Jazz**, with mentor *John MacMurray*, as he presents a thought-provoking and humorous chronicle of lessons found in a life without a Dad.

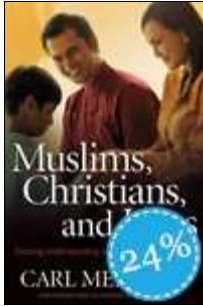


Choosing Your Faith: In a world of spiritual options (NF) by Mark Mittelberg

In a world of spiritual options, people constantly tell us what to believe. Yet, while we hear these pleas, we're already functioning with existing beliefs; even if they are beliefs by default. So how do we choose what to believe; especially in the area of faith? Do we need to choose? In *Choosing Your Faith*, Mark Mittelberg encourages us, as Socrates does, not to lead an unexamined life. He invites us to examine why we believe what we believe. This examination will resonate with Christians and seekers alike.

Reviews...cont'd

Muslims, Christians and Jesus; *Gaining understanding and building relationships* (NF) by Carl Medearis

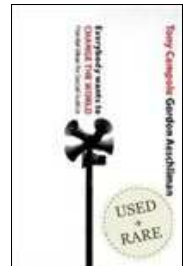


Based on the author's twenty-five years of first-hand experience, this engaging book reveals what Islam really teaches and how today's Muslims live and think. With practical information and personal stories, Carl Medearis shows readers how they can build life-changing bridges between the world's two largest religions--one person at a time, whether in the US or elsewhere.

*Editor's Note** Carl Medearis was in Bethel recently, where many of us enjoyed the recounting of his many experiences in the Muslim world. His personality and humor helped to keep a possibly 'divisive' subject in perspective.

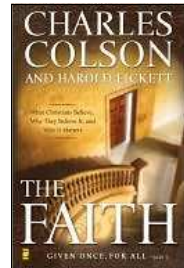
Everybody Wants to Change the World (NF) by Anthony Campolo

All over the world - and in your community - people are lonely, hungry, sick, struggling to make ends meet, bitter, imprisoned, dying. Do you feel powerless to make a difference? You don't have to be helpless! From the simplest acts of kindness to more complex works of mercy, you'll find more than 100 practical ideas for compassionately responding to the needs of others. It's all here, from suggestions about working with the poor to honoring and assisting the elderly; helping immigrants assimilate and supporting the sick; respecting and serving the disabled, showing compassion to those in prison, and caring for the environment. You'll discover practical ways to begin making a difference in your community today, and helping others catch a vision for changing the world! A leader's guide makes this adaptable for group study, as well as individual reading. Jesus calls us to creatively and courageously share the good news by loving our neighbor. It's time to begin!



The Faith: What Christians Believe, and why they believe it (NF) by Charles Colson

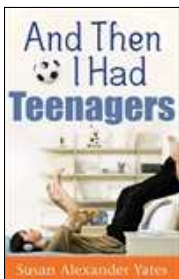
Rightly understood and rightly communicated, the Christian faith is one of great joy. It is an invitation to God's kingdom, where tears are replaced by laughter and longing hearts find their purpose and their home. This is the heart of the gospel: God's search to reclaim us and love us as his own. But have we truly grasped this? Those of us who have disdained Christianity as a religion of bigotry—have we repudiated the genuine article or merely demonstrated our own prejudice and ignorance? Those of us who are Christians—have we deeply apprehended the mission of Jesus, and do our ways and character faithfully reflect his beauty? From the nature of God, to the human condition, to the work of Jesus, to God's coming kingdom, and all that lies between, how well do we understand the foundational truths of Christianity and their implications?



The Faith is a book for our troubled times and for decades to come, for Christians and non-Christians alike. It is the most important book Chuck Colson and Harold Fickett have ever written: a thought-provoking, soul-searching, and powerful manifesto of the great, historical central truths of Christianity that have sustained believers through the centuries. Brought to immediacy with vivid, true stories, here is what Christianity is really about and why it is a religion of hope, redemption, and beauty.

(2 Resources for Bible Study...Small Groups):

And Then I Had Teenagers (R)...by Susan Yates



Writing from personal experience, Yates offers candid advice on everything from creating open communication and setting limits to building teens' faith, and more! Susan Yates, best-selling author of **And Then I Had Kids** and **How to Like the Ones You Love**, now offers encouragement and guidance to parents of teens and preteens. Drawing from her experiences raising five teenagers, she offers parents a unique blend of stories, compassion, and advice. Yates empathizes with parents whose children struggle with communication, peer pressure, and faith--every parent of a teen!--while also considering teenagers' perspectives and needs. Readers who enjoyed **And Then I Had Kids** will be eager for this sequel as they prepare for the teen years. With a similar style, it demonstrates how Christian values work within the family and the home. Discussion questions for each chapter make it a perfect resource for *small groups*, Sunday school, or neighborhood outreach. By encouraging readers to "articulate the challenges and then choose to focus on the blessings," **And Then I Had Teenagers** restores hope during one of the craziest seasons of life.

Remembering the Forgotten God (R)...Francis Chan

In this workbook companion to the book, **Forgotten God**, Chan reminds us of the true source of the church's power - *The Holy Spirit*. This workbook is designed to take both individual and small group readers deeper, with multiple options for use including a 7-week *small group study*, individual study, and retreat weekends.



A 'Featured' Author:

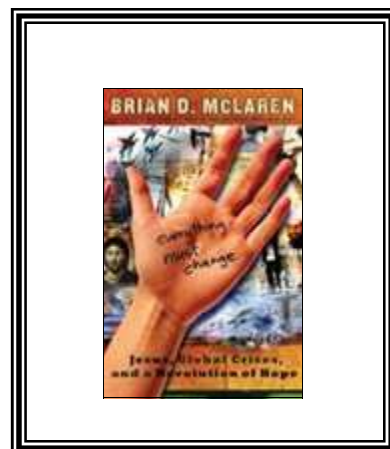
Everything Must Change:

Jesus, Global Crises, Revolution of Hope (NF)

....by Brian McLaren

About the Author:

Brian D. McLaren is a prominent, controversial evangelical pastor. He was recognized as one of Time magazine's "25 Most Influential Evangelicals in America" in 2005, and is the founding pastor of Cedar Ridge Community Church in Spencerville, Maryland. Born in 1956, **Brian McLaren** graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park, with BA and MA degrees in English. After several years of teaching English and consulting in higher education, he left academia in 1986 to become the founding pastor of Cedar Ridge Community Church, a nondenominational church in the Baltimore-Washington



region. Many of the books that McLaren has authored, including the "A New Kind of Christian" trilogy, deal with Christianity in the context of the cultural shift towards a new emerging church movement.

Everything Must Change!

How do the life and teachings of Jesus address the most critical global problems in our world today?

In **Everything Must Change**, you will accompany Brian around the world on a search for answers. Along the way you'll experience intrigue, alarm, challenge, insight, and hope. You'll get a fresh and provocative vision of Jesus and his teachings. And you'll see how his core message can infuse us with purpose and passion to address the economic, environmental, military, political, and social dysfunctions that have overtaken our world.

Jesus' message is more than a ticket to heaven or a formula for personal prosperity. It is an invitation to personal and global transformation. It is a radical challenge to the underlying stories that drive our suicidal systems-social, economic, and political. It invites us to imagine what would happen

- if people of faith moved beyond political polarization and a few hot-button issues to the deeper questions nobody is asking.
- if the world's leading nations spent less on weapons and more on peace-making, poverty-alleviation, and creation-care.
- if a renewed understanding of Jesus and his message sparked a profound spiritual awakening in a global movement of faith, hope, and love.
- if we believed that God's will really could be done on earth and not just in heaven.

If you are hungry for a fresh vision of what it means to be a person of faith, **Everything Must Change** applies the good news of Jesus to a world in need, igniting a revolution of hope that can change everything. Beginning with you. Beginning now.

Other Books by Brian McLaren:

Reinventing Your Church
A New Kind of Christian (*in library*)
A New Kind of Christianity
The Story We Find Ourselves In
Finding Our Way Again
A Search for What is Real
More Ready Than You Realize

The Secret Message of Jesus
Naked Spirituality
Generous Orthodoxy
Adventures in Missing the Point
The Last word and the Word After That
The Church on the Other Side
Finding Faith: A self-discovery guide