



Library Policy

Purpose:

The purpose of our library at LCC is to help us love God better. Books can help us to better understand God's Triune being and his character, the world he has made, and the things he has done. The Bible is, of course, the one indispensable and absolutely authoritative means to knowing God, and it should be the book that we "live in," as well as the standard by which we evaluate every other book. However, we can also benefit greatly from the work of others who have thought deeply about God's attributes, his word and his world, and how they apply to the ways we think and live. This is true of theology as well as history, biography, and even fiction—a good story, well told, can give us a view of the world that can help us to love what (and Who) is good, true and beautiful.

Layout:

Becoming familiar with the organization of the library will help to make it more usable and useful. The books are arranged on the shelf by category, sub-categories, then by last names of the authors. There is an inventory list on the website if a search is needed. When you have selected a book, sign it out on the sheet and write down the due date 2 weeks from the date of checkout. Please return the book, by that date, to the drop box next to the office.

Donations:

Book donations are accepted through the church office. You may leave any books you wish to donate at the office for review by the pastors.

Recommendations:

You may see a recommendation in the front of a book from someone in our congregation. Take note of these as you read. We, as the family of God, participate in fellowship through reading the same books. If you would like to leave a recommendation, please contact the office.

Note:

The books in the library have been selected carefully. Our goal is to provide books that help us to know God as he is revealed in the Bible—that is, to know Him as He truly is. However, as mentioned earlier, the Bible is our only absolute authority, and the standard by which we evaluate every other book. We should read every book, even books by trusted Christian authors, with our Bibles open, in the back of our minds at the very least, verifying whether what we are reading matches what the Bible says. Some of the fictional works in the library are written by non-believers because we believe their portrayal of God's world can be edifying and challenging to us, but we need to be aware, especially when reading to our children, to help them evaluate what is said, and point out where it might differ from what the Bible says. To give an example of this, there is a classic series of books that praise the virtues of diligence, ingenuity, honesty and hard work. However, there are also sections where the theology is wrong—for example, "God helps those who help themselves." We know God helps us when we cannot help ourselves. This is a great opportunity, if we are watching, to teach our children to think clearly, critically, and biblically while reading.

For any questions, please contact the Office or the Discipleship Ministry Team.