

Books À La Carte

Book a la Carte has become a familiar sight to most of you by now. (It's our little mobile book cart located in Dickerson Hall) Did you know that just down the hall way there is a stationary book table just outside the Book Haven for your perusal? The table displays many excellent hand picked books for all ages, young and old. Some are new additions to the Book Haven collection, others are old gems that have remained hidden and need to be seen again. Take a look at the books at both locations; you never know what you might find. Books at both locations can be checked out in the Book Haven.

Book Haven's Hours

Sunday 8:30 – 11:00am
12:00 -12:45pm

Thursday 9:45am – 12:00pm

The Book Haven Committee

Julie Canfield	Betty Stoepker
Mirtle Higgins	Lisa Sybrandt
Joy Thompson	Becky Porter –Student Intern

Calling all Overdue Books!!

Calling all overdue books, Videos and DVDs!! (You know who you are.) How about coming back to the Book Haven? You can just jump into the "Return Box" --- never any questions asked, no fines, no brow beatings --- and we'll have a welcome home party when we see you!

GVPC Presents
The Library's

Book Haven Digest



Spring 2009

 Book Haven News:

Well, we are well on our way to publishing our quarterly Book Haven Digest!! We were thrilled by the positive feedback we received for our first venture into this great unknown. As we keep getting more books and other media in we will placing it in our digest. We are planning on keeping you updated on everything that comes in.

We will also let you know what is hiding on our shelves as well. There are countless wonderful books in many categories filling our shelves. We're sure there something just for you.

If you've read or seen something that you feel needs to be shared with your church community, let us know. We will try to add it to our inventory.

Other items to keep your eyes out for are new cases for our ever growing DVD and CD collection. In the next month we will be doing some remodeling in the library adding more shelves. We are also adding new cases outside of the library for our DVD's making it easier to find and select.

Don't worry though, the couch will never move!!

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"Evangelism is not a professional job for a few trained men, but is instead the unrelenting responsibility of every person who belongs to the company of Jesus."

Elton Trueblood

Because of Winn-Dixie

Starring: Anna Sophia Robb, Jeff Daniels **Rating:** **PG**

Based on the best-selling book, BECAUSE OF WINN-Dixie is the heartwarming "tail" of a young girl (Annasophia Robb) whose life is changed by a scruffy, fun-loving pooch she names Winn-Dixie. The special bond between them works magic on her reserved dad (Jeff Daniels) and the eccentric townspeople they meet during one unforgettable summer.

The Wizard of Oz ~ Judy Garland 1939 Classic

Starring: Judy Garland, Frank Morgan **Rating:** **UNRATED**

When it was released during Hollywood's golden year of 1939, *The Wizard of Oz* didn't start out as the perennial classic it has since become. The film did respectable business, but it wasn't until its debut on television that this family favorite saw its popularity soar. And while *Oz's* TV broadcasts are now controlled by media mogul Ted Turner (who owns the rights), the advent of home video has made this lively musical a mainstay in the staple diet of great American films. Young Dorothy Gale (Judy Garland), her dog, Toto, and her three companions on the yellow brick road to Oz--the Tin Man (Jack Haley), the Cowardly Lion (Bert Lahr), and the Scarecrow (Ray Bolger)--have become pop-culture icons and central figures in the legacy of fantasy for children. As the Wicked Witch who covets Dorothy's enchanted ruby slippers, Margaret Hamilton has had the singular honor of scaring the wits out of children for more than six decades. The film's still as fresh, frightening, and funny as it was when first released. It may take some liberal detours from the original story by L. Frank Baum, but it's loyal to the Baum legacy while charting its own course as a spectacular film. Shot in glorious Technicolor, befitting its dynamic production design (Munchkinland alone is a psychedelic explosion of color and decor), *The Wizard of Oz* may not appeal to every taste as the years go by, but it's required viewing for kids of all ages.



Women's Book Club

Women's Book Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday of each month (except December) at the home of Kathy Anderson

Here's our book list for the year so you can scout ahead for the books!

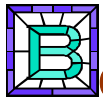
Mar. 24 – *Home to Holly Springs*, by Jan Karon

April 28 – *The Case for Christ*, by Lee Strobel

May 26 – Video month (selection TBD)

“Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden,
and I will give you rest.”

Matthew 11:28



Books to "Check Out"

Spirituality: Dinner with a Perfect Stranger: An Invitation Worth Considering

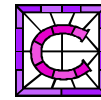
David Gregory

David Gregory relates the story of two men sharing a meal. The point of interest is knowing that one man believes he is Jesus. What will the other man think by the time the evening is through? The conversation begins, as one could imagine, scratching the dry hard surface of skepticism and doubt, but gently and persistently goes deeper and deeper, spiraling in from that starting point until they are eventually talking about the true stuff of life; the career drifting off-track, the marriage experiencing its own kind of strain, the life being lived where the philosophical questions of youth have given way to simply coping with modern day-to-day living.

Novel: Yukon Quest 3-in-1/Treasure's of the North/Ashes and Ice/ Rivers of Gold

Tracie Peterson

Treasures of the North- Grace Hawkins flees north during the Alaskan gold rush to escape an arranged marriage with a sinister man. Will her new relationship with a young ship owner be threatened when her furious fiancé tracks her down? Ashes and Ice- Heartbroken by loss, Karen Pierce is bound by a promise to watch over two young adults in her care. Together they journey north to the goldfields with the determined Adrik Ivankov as their guide. Will Karen find her way back to her once solid-faith...and into Adrik's arms? Rivers of Gold- Separated from her travel companions and presumed dead, Miranda Colton finds herself under the protection of Teddy Davenport. Though grateful for his help, Miranda longs to find her friends and continue north to the gold fields. As her friendship with Teddy blossoms, Miranda struggles over conflicting desires...until a menacing force from the past threatens to destroy everything she holds dear.



Children's DVDs:

The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (2008)

Starring: Ben Barnes, Cornell John Director: Andrew Adamson Rating: **PG**

More exciting than *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, *The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian* continues the movie franchise based on C.S. Lewis' classic fantasy books. The movie picks up where the first left off... sort of. It's been a year since the Pevensie children--Peter (William Moseley), Susan (Anna Popplewell), Edmund (Skandar Keynes), and Lucy (Georgie Henley)--returned to England from Narnia, and they've just about resigned themselves to living their ordinary lives. But just like that, they're once again transported to a fantastical land, but one with a long-abandoned castle. It turns out that they are in Narnia again--and they themselves lived in that castle, but hundreds of years ago in Narnia time. They've been summoned back to help Prince Caspian (Stardust's Ben Barnes, resembling a young, cultured Keanu Reeves), the rightful heir to the throne who's become the target of his power-hungry uncle, King Mraz (Sergio Castellitto). And he's not the only one threatened: Mraz's people, the Telmarines, have pushed all the Narnians--the talking animals, the centaurs and other beasts, the walking trees--to the brink of extinction. Despite some alpha-male bickering, Peter and Caspian agree to fight Mraz alongside the remaining Narnians, including the dwarf Trumpkin (Peter Dinklage) and the swashbuckling mouse Reepicheep (voiced by Eddie Izzard). But of course they most of all miss the noble lion, Aslan, who would have never let this happen to Narnia if he hadn't disappeared. Prince Caspian is epic, evoking memories of Peter Jackson's *Lord of the Rings* films. (Some of the battle elements may seem too familiar, but they were in Lewis's book.) And it's appropriate for kids (Reepicheep could have come out of a *Shrek* movie), though the tone is dark and there is a lot of death, albeit bloodless.

Also included: the book of the Making of Prince Caspian

John Adams (HBO Miniseries)

Starring: Paul Giamatti, Laura Linney **Rating:** **NOT RATED**

John Adams is a sprawling HBO miniseries event that depicts the extraordinary life and times of one of America's least understood, and most underestimated, founding fathers: the second President of the United States, John Adams. Starring Paul Giamatti (Sideways, Cinderella Man, HBO's American Spender) in the title role and Laura Linney (You Can Count on Me, Kinsey) as Adams' devoted wife Abigail, John Adams chronicles the extraordinary life journey of one of the primary shapers of our independence and government, whose legacy has often been eclipsed by more flamboyant contemporaries like George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton and Benjamin Franklin. Set against the backdrop of a nation's stormy birth, this sweeping miniseries is a moving love story, a gripping narrative, and a fascinating study of human nature. Above all, at a time when the nation is increasingly polarized politically, this story celebrates the shared values of liberty and freedom upon which this country was built.

Waterproof

Starring: Whitman Mayo, April Grace **Rating:** **PG-13**

This is an adorable feel-good movie. The story begins with an armed robbery of a grocery in Washington D.C. A 10-year-old African-American boy ends up shooting a somewhat elderly Jewish man. What follows is a poignant journey to Waterproof, LA--home of the boy's mother, and a place that offers both pain and healing. At its core, this is a story of redemption for all of the characters--and there are many.

Waterproof offers tender, yet sturdy spirituality. It points to truth as the ultimate medicine to heal troubled lives. While well-meaning lies unravel, truth brings pain and shame, but also freedom and hope.

The acting is powerful in its subtlety and believability. The characters let the plot and dialogue carry the story along, rather than forcing their talent to overshadow this incredible tale. There is emotion--real and dramatic--but it's never shrill--never coerced.

The bottom line is that this is a family movie with strong story and acting. There is much here that will draw out discussion and thought. Buy, rent or borrow this film--but see it!

History: Abraham Lincoln, a Man of Faith and Courage: Stories of Our Most Admired President

Joe Wheeler

Undoubtedly the most revered leader in American history, Abraham Lincoln has had more books written about him than all our nation's presidents put together. But for all that's been written, little has focused on his faith and how this quality shaped the man who led our country during its most tumultuous years.

Skillfully weaving his own narrative with direct quotes from Lincoln and poignant excerpts from other Lincoln biographers, Wheeler brings a refreshingly friendly rendition of Lincoln's life, faith, and courage.

The stories, historical details, and powerful quotes on the pages of this book will leave a lasting impression on your heart, your mind, and your life.

History: The First Crusade: A New History: The Roots of Conflict between Christianity and Islam

Thomas Asbridge

Adult/High School--This concise, fascinating account begins with a brief discussion of the events and individuals who influenced Pope Urban II's call for a holy war in 1095. Blending recent research with 11th and 12th century writings, Asbridge describes the extraordinary circumstances that introduced the pacifist Christian church to militarism and launched tens of thousands of men and women on a journey they could scarcely comprehend. The number of significant participants of the First Crusade was huge, but the author keeps the telling manageable by focusing on two dozen of the most famous. Readers learn about their appearance, backgrounds, and beliefs before setting out with them for Jerusalem. Vivid eyewitness accounts are quoted, with corrections made for obvious errors, such as estimates of numbers of fighters. The frenetic preparations for departure, the horrors of the journey, and the savage battles are described with compelling realism. The bloody sack of Jerusalem concludes the main narrative, but an aftermath covers the subsequent lives of the major participants, and a conclusion evaluates the crusade's long-term impact.

Biography / Memoir: *The Journey: Living by Faith in an Uncertain World*

Billy Graham

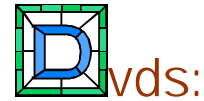
Billy Graham is respected and loved around the world. And this work is his magnum opus, the culmination of a lifetime of experience and ministry!

Chapter by chapter, Graham leads us on a journey in faith. We learn about God and his purpose for our lives; who Jesus is and what he has done for us. We are reminded of the things God has given us to live successfully: the Bible, the privilege of prayer, fellowship and the church, and the Holy Spirit. We learn to deal with challenges along the way: temptation, wrong thoughts and motives, emotions that can defeat us, habits that destroy our spirit, and what to do when life turns against us. And we are given practical advice on knowing God's will, making right decision, strengthening our marriages, being wise parents, and using our gifts to share Christ with others. With insight that only comes from a life spent with God,

Cooking: *Church Suppers: 722 Favorite Recipes From Our Church Communities*

Barbara Greenman

Church Suppers celebrates gatherings of neighbors, family, and friends with delicious, down-home recipes from all over the United States and Canada. These are the dishes we remember and cherish, that bring us back to a simpler time: Fiesta Dip, Red Flannel Hash, Sloppy Joe Turnovers, Green Bean Casserole, Earthquake Cake, Blueberry Buckle...plus many regional and ethnic foods: Moussaka, Jambalaya, Chiles Rellenos, Babka, Cannoli, and more. And because the recipes come from real people with bustling families, busy work schedules, imperfect kitchens, and realistic budgets, they are easy to prepare and focus as much on simplicity as they do on taste.

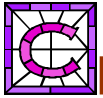


The Passion of the Christ

Starring Starring: James Caviezel, Monica Bellucci Rating: R

After all the controversy and rigorous debate has subsided, Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ* will remain a force to be reckoned with. In the final analysis, "Gibson's Folly" is an act of personal bravery and commitment on the part of its director, who self-financed this \$25-30 million production to preserve his artistic goal of creating the Passion of Christ ("Passion" in this context meaning "suffering") as a quite literal, in-your-face interpretation of the final 12 hours in the life of Jesus, scripted almost directly from the gospels (and spoken in Aramaic and Latin with a relative minimum of subtitles) and presented as a relentless, 126-minute ordeal of torture and crucifixion. For Christians and non-Christians alike, this film does not "entertain," and it's not a film that one can "like" or "dislike" in any conventional sense. (It is also emphatically not a film for children or the weak of heart.) Rather, *The Passion* is a cinematic experience that serves an almost singular purpose: to show the scourging and death of Jesus Christ in such horrifically graphic detail (with Gibson's own hand pounding the nails in the cross) that even non-believers may feel a twinge of sorrow and culpability in witnessing the final moments of the Son of God, played by Jim Caviezel in a performance that's not so much acting as a willful act of submission, so intense that some will weep not only for Christ, but for Caviezel's unparalleled test of endurance.

The Passion of the Christ focuses on the last twelve hours of Jesus of Nazareth's life. The film begins in the Garden of Olives where Jesus has gone to pray after the Last Supper. Jesus must resist the temptations of Satan. Betrayed by Judas Iscariot, Jesus is then arrested and taken within the city walls of Jerusalem where leaders of the Pharisees confront him with accusations of blasphemy and his trial results in a condemnation to death.



Childrens Books:

Tucker's Four-Carrot School Day Susan Winget

An all-animal cast and cozy illustrations in a warm palette of browns and olive greens invite preschool children into Winget's debut book about starting school. Tucker, the older brother in his rabbit family, pulls his patchwork quilt over his head and declares, "I don't want to go to school." With his father's encouragement ("I was scared... but I did it and you can, too!") and a surprise family portrait from Mother and his sister, Tulip, slipped into his backpack, Tucker braves his first day. Despite spilling some paint and singing out of turn, the day is a hit—thanks to his kindly teacher, Miss Blossom (a ewe) and his new friends. The overall effect of the cheerful, homey touches is one of comfort and tranquility. Ages 2-5

Where Is Noah Susie Taylor

A charming little girl decides to view her world upside down and learns that God had a perfect plan for the world he created and that his way is best. Ages 4-8

The Parable of the Lily Liz Curtis Higgs

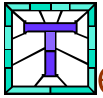
Maggie, the farmer's youngest daughter, loves getting gifts, especially mysterious ones. One wintry day, she receives a package in the mail. She excitedly opens the package to find a bulb buried in a crate of dirt. This was not what Maggie expected. She had hoped for a doll or a game, not a bulb that would one day become a plant. When spring comes, she finds the bulb in the cellar and tosses the lifeless thing into the garden, never to think of it again. . . . Until she walks outside on Easter morning and finds the most beautiful lily she has ever seen. Through the unique gift of a bulb, Maggie discovers the power of grace and forgiveness and the true meaning of Easter. Ages 4-8

Reconciliation: When People Are Big and God Is Small: Overcoming Peer Pressure, Codependency, and the Fear of Man (Resources for Changing Lives) Edward T. Welch

As a professional counselor Ed Welch in this book simply explains the natures of the peer pressure, codependency and the fear of man and gives biblically refreshing solutions. Ed Welch is a counselor with Resources for Changing Lives, a ministry of the Christian Counseling and Educational Foundation. He starts in his book with a personal life story rounded around 'love tank' which must be filled by others. The author stress that we must follow the steps first to find out how and why do we fear others and how can we overcome the fear of man. Therefore, he has three sub headings in the first part: 1. You must recognize that the major theme in the Bible and your own life is the fear of man (Biblical view). 2. You must identify where you fear of man has been intensified in your past (experiential or self view). 3. You must find out your assumptions of the world (world view).

Summary of the part two is "Fear the Lord, you saints, for those who fear him lack nothing" Psalm 34:9. Welch stress that our greatest need is not psychological nor biological but spiritual. Our deepest needs are not psychological deficits like love, meaning and longing for significance that must be filled as being passive empty-cups before others, but God be acknowledged and be worshiped in our daily lives. God has given us fear nature and man and woman must fear. The way to get rid of the fear of man is not following the 'no fear' motto or challenging our fears by joining the show 'Fear Factor' TV Show since they are the results of focusing on self not God but changing our fear from man to God, which he calls this 'Growing in the fear of the Lord'.

The book is superb in its assessment and solution to the fear of man; it is through in its sphere of discussion and it is simple in its communication of the life-changing message.



Teens/Young Adults:

Rachel's Tears: The Spiritual Journey of Columbine Martyr **Rachel Scott**

The Columbine tragedy in April 1999 pierced the heart of our country. We later learned that the teenage killers specifically targeted Rachel Scott and mocked her Christian faith on their chilling, homemade videotapes. Rachel Scott died for her faith. Now her parents talk about Rachel's life and how they have found meaning in their daughter's martyrdom in the aftermath of the school shooting. *Rachel's Tears* comes from a heartfelt need to celebrate this young girl's life, to work through the grief and the questions of a nation, and to comfort those who have been touched by violence in our schools today. Using excerpts and drawings from Rachel's own journals, her parents offer a spiritual perspective on the Columbine tragedy and provide a vision of hope for preventing youth violence across the nation.

Dateable: Are You? Are They? **Lookadoo & Dimarco**

Passion. It's the fuel for success, for dreams, for life. But too many teens focus their energy and passion on the wrong thing—the wrong person. *Dateable* pulls no punches in telling teens the truth about dating while also directing their passion toward a greater purpose in life. Teen relationships seldom last, the authors point out, so why should teens invest so much of themselves emotionally, physically, and spiritually? The answer? They shouldn't. Instead, they can protect their hearts, live with excitement, and enjoy relationships in a way that enhances rather than detracts from those they'll have in the future. With Justin and Hayley "telling it like it is," teens will learn how to be dateable and how to evaluate the dateability of their latest crush. And they'll get some much-needed perspective on sex, his/her communication, clothes, God—even "chick flicks." *Dateable* also includes sidebars, quizzes, callouts, and more.

Beauty Secrets: Tips for Teens from the Ultimate Makeover Artist

Deborah Newman

Girls in Western culture are being stripped of their dignity. Everywhere you look, women and teen girls are objectified. The media plays a huge part in the increase in eating disorders, cosmetic procedures, and our diet culture. *Beauty Secrets* was written to help teen girls transform the way they see themselves by learning their God-given beauty and worth. Armed with truth, girls can fight the messages that are trying to destroy their bodies and their spirits.

Chicken Soup for the Preteen Soul

Jack Canfield

Inspired by the many readers of *Chicken Soup for the Kid's Soul* (one of many in the *Chicken Soup for the Soul* series), the authors decided to reach out to young people at that incredibly confusing, exciting chapter of life, the preteen years. Readers between the ages of 9 and 12 (give or take a year) sometimes felt that the book for kids was too young, while the edition for teens (*Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul*) was too old. In this warm, supportive anthology of true stories by and about preteens, the very issues that seem so complicated and insurmountable are addressed with intelligence and openness. Divorce, violence, death, friendships, school, family, attitudes, changes, dreams... preteens have a lot to offer and a lot to learn on these subjects. Many of the brief essays, cartoons, quotations, and introductions are witty as well as wise and touching; readers might devour the book from start to finish, drop in for a story here and there, or focus on a concern that is most important at the moment. The preteen years seem to be the perfect time to reach kids, before they are lost in teen angst and coolness. And who better to learn from than their own peers? For some added incentive to read, celebrities such as Mia Hamm, Karl Malone, and 'N Sync have contributed essays as well. (Ages 9 to 13)



What are tracts? They are the small pamphlets found in the Narthax, Chapel, and many other places throughout the church. They are often either left for someone to find or handed out.

Why should you give out tracts? Here are 10 reasons:

1. They are a very economical form of evangelism
2. They work while we sleep
3. They have the ability to get into a house and stay there
4. They are never afraid or show cowardice
5. They are never tempted to compromise their message
6. They never get tired, discouraged or give up
7. They stick to what they have to say and never argue
8. They can present the message when don't have time
9. They can go to places where we cannot
10. They get people in the mood – they only speak when they are read

When giving out tracts don't ask, "Would you like one of these?" They will probably just say "No", or "What is it?"

Instead ask, "Did you get one of these?" That makes the person feel that he is missing out on something, and it also stirs up curiosity. Try it...it really works!

If you know the person, ask for their opinion of the tract's content. If you are too shy to give out tracts, mail them when paying bills or just leave them where they will be found.

Many people have been saved through tracts, including the great missionary Hudson Taylor. Make tracts a habit for life!

