



Mission:
To expand the intersection of intellect and spirituality while holding physical space in our busy world for prayer, introspection and study.

What to Expect from the Library this Year

As summer winds down, it's time to gear up for another program year. Many people often ask "what are our pastors reading?" This year the pastors and staff have volunteered to provide a book review to feature in our monthly newsletter. You may want to read along, read ahead, or wait for their review and read later. All books listed below are available in the Library. Here is what you can expect in the year ahead.

September: John Sparkman

"Interrupting Silence: God's Command to Speak Out" by Walter Bruggemann

Examining how maintaining silence allows the powerful to keep control, Bruggemann motivates readers to consider situations in their lives where they need to either interrupt silence or be part of the problem, convincing us that God is active and wanting us to act for justice.

John is also reading Robert Reich's *"Common Good,"* Joan Chittister's *"Radical Spirit"* and Barbara Kingsolver's *"Poisonwood Bible"*.

October: Pastor Rita

"The Girl Who Wrote in Silk" by Kelli Estes

Inara Erickson is exploring her deceased aunt's island estate when she finds an elaborately stitched piece of fabric hidden in the house. As she peels back layer upon layer of the secrets it holds, Inara's life becomes interwoven with that of Mei Lein, a young Chinese girl mysteriously driven from her home a century before.

November: Pastor Mike

"We Were the Lucky Ones" by Georgia Hunter

Inspired by the incredible true story of one Jewish family separated at the start of World War II, determined to survive—and to reunite—*We Were the Lucky Ones* is a tribute to the triumph of hope and love against all odds.

December: Pastor Katy

"Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again" by Rachel Held Evans

If the Bible isn't a science book or an instruction manual, then what is it? What do people mean when they say the Bible is inspired? Evans began a quest to better understand what the Bible is and how it is meant to be read. What she discovered changed her—and it will change you too.

Pastor Katy is also reading *"Calypso"* by David Sedaris.

January: Pastor Mary-Alyce

"The Rapture Exposed: A Message of Hope in the Book of Revelation" by Rev. Dr. Barbara Rossing

Revelation offers a vision of God's healing love for the world. *The Rapture Exposed* reclaims Christianity from fundamentalists' destructive reading of the biblical story and back into God's beloved community.

Pastor Mary-Alyce is also reading *"Fast Backward"* by David Patneade. Special note: Dave is a Holy Spirit member. This is his 10th novel. His books are also a good read for young adults.

February: Marjorie Buchanan

"Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City" by Matthew Desmond

Princeton sociologist and MacArthur "Genius" Matthew Desmond follows eight families in Milwaukee as they struggle to keep a roof over their heads.

March: Becky Cole

(Title to be announced)

April: Ruth Hanley

(Title to be announced)

Note: All book descriptions are from Amazon.com unless otherwise noted.