

OFF THE SHELF



Mission Statement: To energize church library ministry through education, resource sharing, spiritual encouragement and fellowship.

Fall 2015

TCACLA Fall Meeting
October 24, 2015
8:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

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Our featured speaker is Chris Magnusson, currently the Automation Librarian/Legacy Program Coordinator with the Arrowhead Library System. She has additional experience with the Hibbing Public Library in the areas of children's programming, periodicals, and website technology. Chris recently received a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science from San Jose State University.



SpringHouse
Ministry Center
610 W. 28th Street
Minneapolis, MN

Chris has been the Library Director at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Hibbing for the last 15 years and completed a major remodeling project that transformed a small library room into a large welcoming space. Some of you will remember that she was a member of the board of directors of the National Church Library Association in 2006-2010.

A schedule for the morning, directions to the ministry center, and a registration form are included in the following pages.

General Information

The Twin Cities Area Church Library Association (TCACLA) is a non-profit support organization serving church librarians. Membership is open to individuals and churches of all denominations that desire to network with others on church library development and enrichment.

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1/31/2015	\$1,008.01	Beginning Balance
	\$592.00	Spring Meeting Registration
	<u>\$305.00</u>	2015 Membership Dues
	\$897.00	Income
	-\$129.02	Spring <i>Off the Shelf</i>
	-\$9.99	Secretary Supplies
	-\$909.90	Spring Meeting Expenses
	<u>-\$100.00</u>	Fall Meeting: Facility Fee
	-\$1,148.91	Expenses
9/11/2015	\$756.10	Ending Balance

2016 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

A 2016 new/renewal membership form is included in this issue of *Off the Shelf* in case you want to pay the 2016 dues with funds in your 2015 budget. It's not necessary to pay your dues for next year at this time, however. The form will be included again in the Winter issue.

If your church isn't currently a member of TCACLA and you join now, you can attend the Fall 2015 meeting, along with all of the 2016 meetings, at the member rate. In addition, you will receive a free copy of ***A Handbook for Church Librarians***.



ELECTION OF OFFICERS

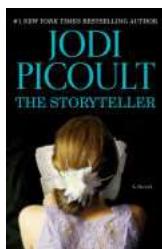
During the business meeting on October 24, we will be electing a President and a Secretary for the 2016-2017 term. If you are interested in filling one of these positions, or any other position on the board, please contact any one of the officers listed on this page.

WHAT CHURCHES ARE READING

The books described below have been read recently by the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church's women's book club. I hope that you will share what your church is reading so it can be included in future issues. All I need is the list of books, along with the name of the group. If you don't have a book club, I'd also like titles of books that are being used for study groups or have been popular recently in your library. Please e-mail this information to otseditor@gmail.com.

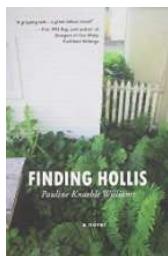
“Books don't change people; paragraphs do. Sometimes even sentences.” — John Piper, *A Godward Life: Savoring the Supremacy of God in All of Life*

THE STORYTELLER by Jodi Picoult, Atria/E Emily Bestler Books, 2013.



In this novel, Picoult explores the links between family, religion, humanity and difficult decisions. A young woman mourning the death of her mother meets an elderly man at a grief support group. Sage, whose Grandmother is a Holocaust survivor, eventually learns that her new friend is a Nazi officer who is ashamed of the horrible things he did during the war. He wants her to help him die. Is evil a forgivable sin?

FINDING HOLLIS by Pauline Knaebel Williams, Forty Press, 2014.



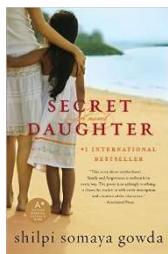
In 1944 North Minneapolis, Frances, a young white woman sees Hazel, a young black woman, get hit by a truck. As Hazel is dying, she asks Frances to “find Hollis.” When Frances looks for Hollis, three separate worlds intersect, first by circumstance and then by understanding. A moving story of human frailty and resilience. A finalist in the Midwest Book Awards, Historical Fiction.

MAKING ROUNDS WITH OSCAR: The Extraordinary Gift of an Ordinary Cat by David Dosa M.D., Hachette Books, 2010.



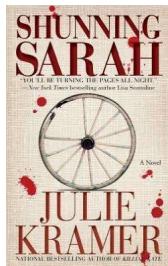
A true story about a cat's amazing ability to predict when death is near for the patients of a nursing home and to provide comfort to them in their final hours. As a skeptical Dr. Dosa talked to the patients' families about Oscar and listened to their touching stories, he gained a greater understanding of dementia, its impact on families, and the role of pets in our lives. A moving book about aging, death, and letting go.

SECRET DAUGHTER: A Novel by Shilpi Somaya Gowda, William Morrow, 2011.



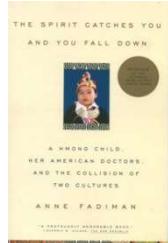
Kavita places her newborn daughter in a Mumbai orphanage to prevent her husband from disposing of a second "worthless" girl. Asha is adopted by a married couple from California, Somer (Caucasian, Protestant) and Krishnan (Indian, Hindu). The chapters alternate between Asha's life as a member of a minority group in the US and Kavita's hardships living in a slum in India. A novel about what it means to be a family.

SHUNNING SARAH: A Novel by Julie Kramer, Pocket Books, 2013.



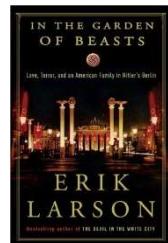
One in a series of mysteries featuring Minneapolis investigative TV reporter, Riley Spartz. When a young boy is trapped in a sinkhole in Harmony, MN, he discovers a dead body. Riley learns that the deceased was an 18 year old Amish girl, Sarah Yoder, who left the religion and was shunned by her family and her community. While looking into the murder, Riley also becomes involved with a local sheriff's election, Sarah's family, and the owner of an Amish handcrafts store. Lots of references to real locations in Minnesota.

THE SPIRIT CATCHES YOU AND YOU FALL DOWN by Anne Fadiman, Farrar Straus & Giroux, 2012.



Subtitled *A Hmong Child, Her American Doctors, and the Collision of Two Cultures*, this is an award-winning and heartbreaking account of what happened when a refugee couple from Laos brought their epileptic daughter to a California hospital. A powerful tale about the importance of practicing cross-cultural medicine in a world where there can be large gaps between healing methods, religious beliefs and social customs.

IN THE GARDEN OF BEASTS: Love, Terror and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin by Erik Larson, Crown, 2011.



A vivid account of the experiences of newly appointed U.S. ambassador to Germany, William E. Dodd, and his family in Berlin in the early years of Hitler's rule. Initially Dodd, a former history professor, hoped that Hitler would change and moderate Nazis would emerge. He eventually changed his mind as the social restrictions and acts of brutality under the Third Reich became impossible to ignore. Larson's meticulous research of archival sources included Dodd's diary.

Twin Cities Area Church Library Association Fall Meeting Saturday, October 24, 2015

The program on the day of the meeting will have more detail.

8:45-9:00 Registration and Book Swap
9:00-9:30 Barb Livdahl: Welcome & Information on the SpringHouse Ministry Center
9:30-10:15 Chris Magnusson: What's New for Libraries
10:15-10:30 Break – The Book Swap and library are open all morning
10:30-11:15 Workshops – Choose one:

- Barb Livdahl: The challenges of managing a small church library
- Katie Lawrence: Volunteers – recruiting, scheduling, training, etc.
- Chris Magnusson: Working with nonprint materials – e.g., DVDs, e-books

11:15-11:45 Business Meeting
11:45-12:00 Break
12:00-12:45 Lunch, provided by House of Hunger catering. Table topic: Library automation.



SPECIAL QUESTIONS ON THE REGISTRATION FORM

You will see three special questions on the meeting registration form. Here's some additional information on them.

1. What automated systems, if any, are used in your library? ResourceMate? Surpass? Library Thing? Nothing? The answers to this question will be used to set up discussion groups during lunch. You can eat with others who use the same system that you use or you can sit with another group to learn about a different option.
2. Is your church available to host a future TCACLA meeting? One big advantage to this for you is that many of the planned keynote speakers will be of interest to a wider audience than librarians. For example, the speaker in April, 2016 will be Lindsay Hardin Freeman, an award winning author who has done extensive research on every woman who speaks in the Bible. If the meeting is held at your church, members of your congregation who are interested in this topic but aren't on the library committee might also be interested in hearing her speak. This could be a good promotional event for your library.
3. What is currently the most popular new book in your church library? This question comes from your editor. I'm always looking for suggestions for the *What Churches are Reading* feature. If more than one title comes to mind, include all of them!

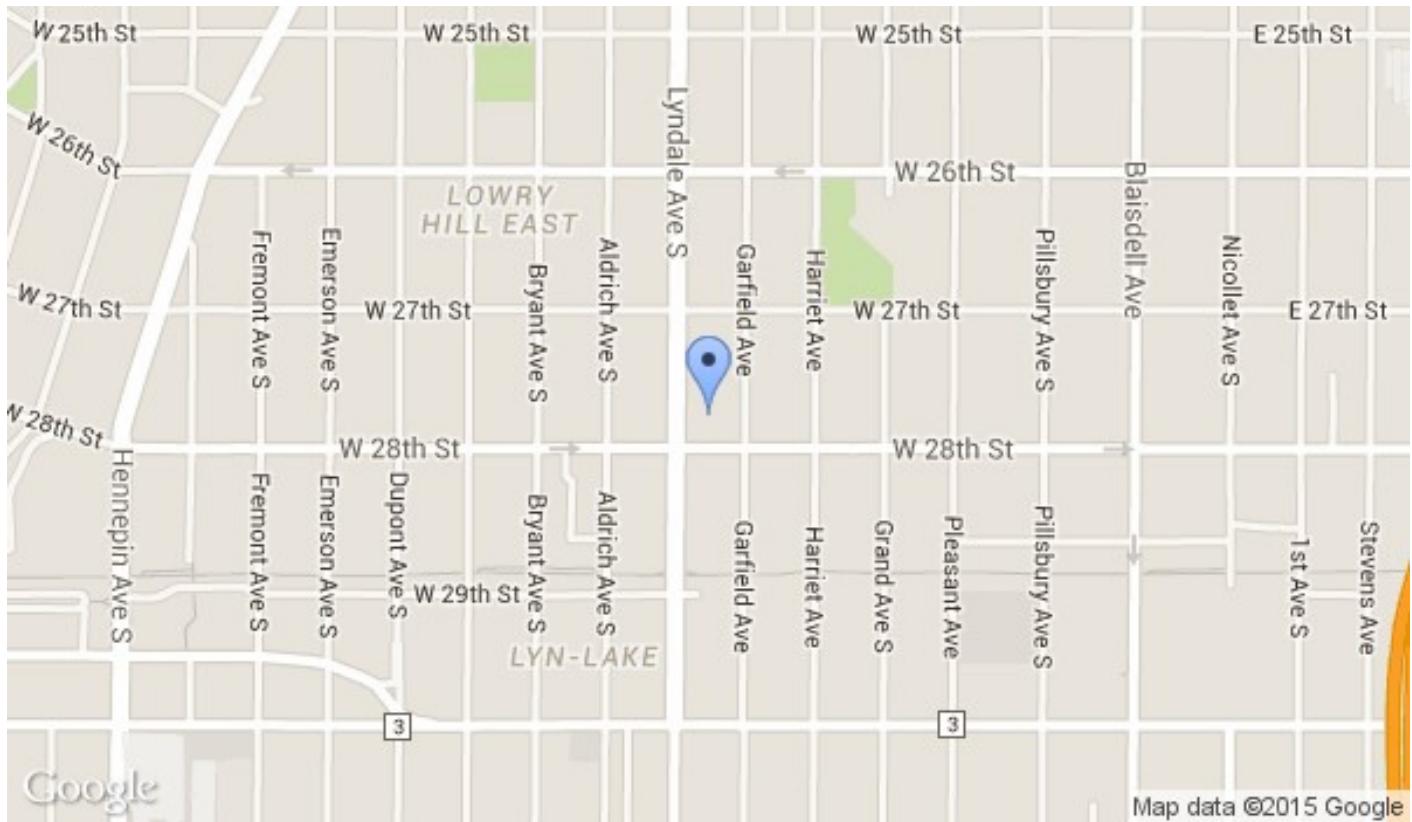
**SpringHouse Ministry Center
610 W. 28th Street, Minneapolis**

Driving Directions: SpringHouse is located between Lyndale and Garfield Avenues in south Minneapolis.

From the West and North: Follow I-94 East. Take exit 231A-B for Lyndale Ave/Hennepin Ave. Follow Lyndale Ave. Make a left at 28th Street. The center is located on the left hand side, just east of Lyndale on 28th Street.

From the East and North: Follow I-94 West. Take exit 231A-B for Lyndale Ave/I-394 toward Hennepin Ave. Take exit 231B on the left toward Hennepin Avenue/Lyndale Avenue. Follow Lyndale Ave. South. Make a left at 28th Street. The center is located on the left hand side, just east of Lyndale on 28th Street.

From the South: Follow I-35W North to I-94 West. Take exit 15 toward Lake St/31st St. Merge onto 2nd Ave S. Turn left at Lake St. Turn right at Lyndale Ave. Make a right at 28th Street. The center is located on the left hand side, just east of Lyndale on 28th Street.



Parking Information:

Limited parking spots, including handicapped spaces, are available in the Greenleaf lot between SpringHouse and the Greenleaf apartment building. Otherwise, you'll find lots of open spaces on Lyndale, 28th, Garfield, and other nearby streets.

**TCACLA Fall Meeting
October 24, 2015
MEETING REGISTRATION FORM**

Note: Please pre-register by October 19, 2015

Your church name: _____

City: _____

Name(s) of person(s) attending: _____

What automated systems, if any, are used in your library? What do you use them for – cataloging, circulation, creating spine labels, etc.?

My church may be available to host a future TCACLA meeting. Yes _____ No _____

What is currently the most popular new book in your church library? _____

Number of TCACLA member registrants: _____ x **\$10.00** = _____

Number of non-member registrants: _____ x **\$12.00** = _____

Make checks payable to TCACLA

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Spring TCACLA Meeting
April 9, 2016

One of the missions of TCACLA is to provide a forum for church librarians to exchange information with each other. In addition to our meetings and our newsletter, we also do this via our website at www.tcacla.com.



We're always looking for input from you. If you have an upcoming book event at your church, have had a special promotion for your library, want to recommend a new book, or have any other news that other members would be interested in, please send the information to livingoutfaith@hotmail.com.

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