

OFF THE SHELF



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

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TCACLA Spring Meeting
April 21, 2018

The next meeting of the Twin Cities Area Church Library Association will be on the morning of Saturday, April 21, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Brooklyn Park.

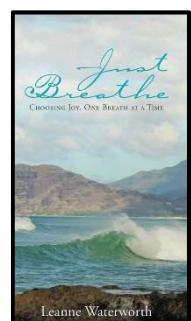


The featured speaker is Leanne Waterworth. Leanne, her husband, and their 3 children live in St. Croix Falls, WI. She is a published author who blogs about her faith and surviving motherhood. Her book, *Just Breathe; Choosing Joy, One Breath at a Time*, is the

inspirational account of the Waterworth family as they experience shocking diagnoses, learn a new normal while two of the children manage a life-threatening disease, and Leanne and her son survive a horrific van accident during a family vacation. You'll be moved to hear how they overcame obstacles through their faith and a strong community.

Leanne is an avid volunteer for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and is a ministry leader in her church. Her passion is to help others see God in the real stuff of life.

The Spring issue of *Off the Shelf* will include a complete schedule for the morning, along with a registration form.



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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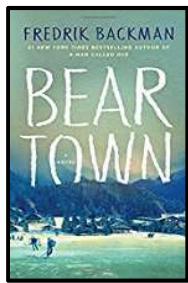
If your church hasn't renewed its membership for 2018 yet, you have received a renewal form with this issue of *Off the Shelf*. For just \$20.00, any number of people from your church can attend all TCACLA events at the member rate. Please complete both sides of the form, then send it to our Treasurer with your check by no later than **March 31, 2018**.

WHAT CHURCHES ARE READING

The following books have recently been added to the library at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church. Your suggestions for this column are not only welcome but encouraged. Please send titles and authors to otseditor@gmail.com.

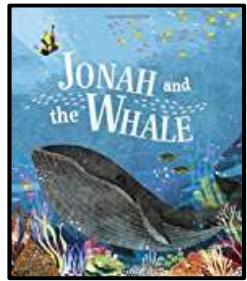
“What a miracle it is that out of these small, flat, rigid squares of paper unfolds world after world, worlds that sing to you, comfort and quiet or excite you. Books help us understand who we are and how we are to behave. They show us what community and friendship mean; they show us how to live and die.” — Anne Lamott

BEARTOWN; a Novel by Fredrik Backman, Atria Books, 2017.



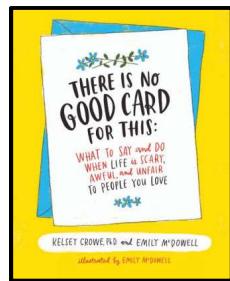
Hockey is everything in Beartown where jobs are disappearing and the town is slowly dying. Seventeen-year-old star Kevin has a chance to go professional. Then, at a party at his house, things get out of hand with Maya. What takes place changes Beartown forever. Covering up a heinous crime is not up for debate if the town is going to make economic and social advances. While the story is dark at times, love, sacrifice, and the bonds of friendship and family shine through, ultimately offering hope and even redemption. Backman is the author of *A Man Called Ove*.

JONAH AND THE WHALE by Rachel Elliot, Paragon, 2017.



Discover how and why Jonah is rescued from a terrible storm at sea by a giant whale. A simple retelling of the Old Testament story of forgiveness, written for children ages 3-6. Beautifully illustrated.

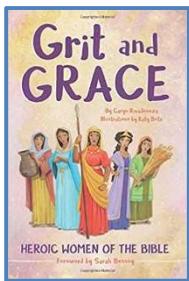
THERE IS NO GOOD CARD FOR THIS; What to Say and Do When Life Is Scary, Awful, and Unfair to People You Love by Kelsey Crowe Ph.D. and Emily McDowell, Harper Collins, 2017.



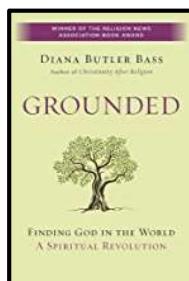
When someone you know is hurting, you want to let her know that you care. But many people don't know what words to use or are afraid of saying or doing the wrong thing. This illustrated step-by-step guide teaches readers how to offer comfort and support when someone they know is experiencing grief, loss, illness, or any other difficult situation. It includes workbook exercises, sample dialogs, and real-life examples. McDowell is the creator of the viral hit "Empathy Cards;" Dr. Crowe is a compassion expert.

GRIT AND GRACE; Heroic Women of the Bible

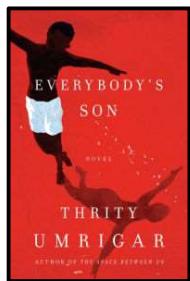
by Caryn Rivadeneira, Sparkhouse Family, 2017.



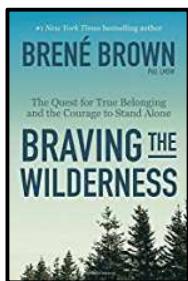
GROUNDED; Finding God in the World – A Spiritual Revolution by Diana Butler Bass, HarperOne, 2017.



EVERYBODY'S SON; a Novel by Thrity Umrigar, HarperCollins, 2017.



BRAVING THE WILDERNESS; The Quest for True Belonging and the Courage to Stand Alone by Brené Brown, Random House, 2017.



This book was written to connect preteen girls with strong, smart, feisty and determined women in the Bible and show them that they are created in the image of God to do mighty things in this world. Each chapter includes an imaginative first person retelling of the woman's story, quick facts, the Biblical citation, questions to think about, and a prayer prompt. The 17 women include not only Eve, Naomi and Mary but also Hagar, Rahab and the Samaritan woman.

The headlines are clear: religion is on the decline in America as many people leave behind traditional religious practices. Bass argues that what appears to be a decline is a signal of a major transformation in how people understand and experience God. The distant God of conventional religion has given way to a more intimate sense of the sacred that is with us in the world. This shift is at the heart of a spiritual revolution that is challenging not only religious institutions but political and social ones.

Umrigar explores issues of race, class, privilege, and power in her latest novel. When 10-year-old biracial Anton's mother is imprisoned, he becomes the foster child of a white Harvard educated judge who uses his connections to keep Anton from his mother permanently. Many years later, when Anton discovers the truth about his life, his birth mother, and his adopted parents, he must come to terms with the moral complexities of the crimes committed by the people he loves most.

Best-selling social scientist Brené Brown has sparked a global conversation about the experiences that bring meaning to our lives -- courage, vulnerability, love, belonging, shame, and empathy. In *Braving the Wilderness*, she redefines what it means to truly belong in an age of increased polarization. With her trademark mix of research, storytelling, and honesty, Brown's goal is to change the cultural conversation while mapping a clear path to true belonging. "True belonging doesn't require us to *change* who we are. It requires us to *be* who we are."

TCACLA FALL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Members and friends of TCACLA gathered at St. Philip's Lutheran Church in Fridley on October 14, 2017. As part of the warm welcome by Judy Simko, the entire library team – wearing the blue shirts that they wear on Sunday mornings - entertained us with a song, "The Church on Moore Lake."



Associate Pastor Natalia Terfa from Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Brooklyn Park led us in devotions. She read from her book, *Uplift*, and spoke about lifting our Ebenezers (I Samuel 7:12) or stones of help. Stones and pens were distributed to participants. We were asked to speak to each other about significant moments in our lives when we felt God had sustained us, then write something on the stone to keep as a remembrance.

There was a short business meeting, led by Co-President Ann Steen. After reports by the Secretary and the Treasurer, the main agenda item was the election of new officers. Grace Kurtz, St. Philip's Lutheran Church, and Jeanne Schleh, St. Peder's Evangelical Lutheran Church, were elected to a two-year term as Co-Presidents and Leslie Kallas, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, was elected to a two-year term as Secretary.

2018 TCACLA Leadership Team



Front Row: Leslie Kallas, Secretary; Jeanne Schleh, Co-President; Deanna Gordon, Treasurer; Grace Kurtz, Co-President.

Back Row: Jan Bolstad, Historian; Laura Dirks, *Off the Shelf* Editor; Lynn Tvedt, Vice-President

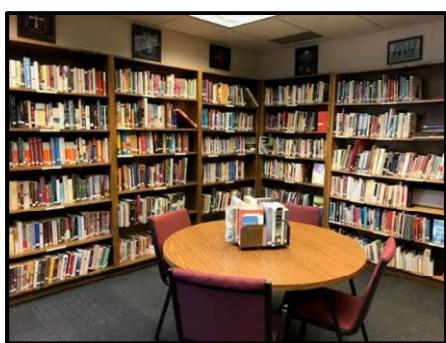
Outgoing Co-Presidents Jeanne Weingart and Ann Steen and Secretary Janet Brownell were thanked for their service.



Following the business meeting, participants split into two groups to attend back-to-back workshops: Promoting Your Library – social media and other publicity methods and Library “Nuts & Bolts” – collection maintenance, cataloging and classification. **Copies of the presentations are available in the “Workshops” section at tcacla.com.**

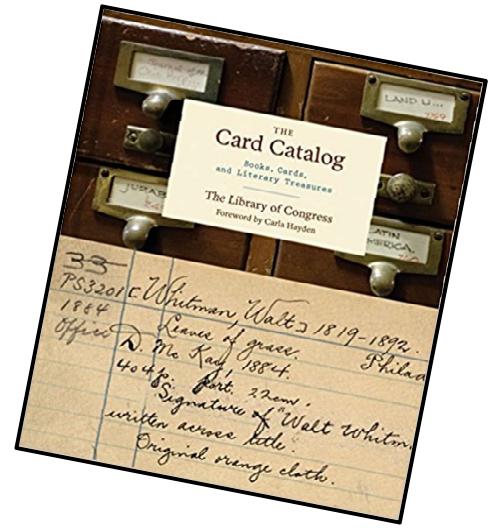


The morning ended with box lunches from BoB's Produce Ranch and homemade desserts.



The Card Catalog: Books, Cards, and Literary Treasures

The Library of Congress recently issued a colorful celebration of the treasures in its collection and the catalog system that has kept it organized. The text addresses the history of the library, the science of cataloging, the cards as aesthetic objects, and the advent of computerized data bases. It is interspersed with over 200 full-color images of original catalog cards and first edition book covers and title pages – ranging from Shakespeare's First Folio to *The Cat in the Hat* to *The Catcher in the Rye* to *The Joy of Cooking*. In his review of the book for *The Washington Post*, Michael Lindgren writes that “the conceptual structure” of the card catalog “was the underpinning of the Internet. The idea of something being ‘tagged’ by category owes its existence as an organizing principle to the subject headings delineated by the Library of Congress. A national card catalog system was the original ‘search engine’ – one that needed no electricity, no service providers or broadband or smartphones, and that was truly democratic.”



Emerging Christian Authors

If you're not following TCACLA on Facebook, you missed a recent posting from christianbook.com on these new voices and their debut books.



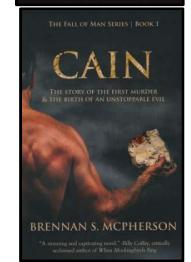
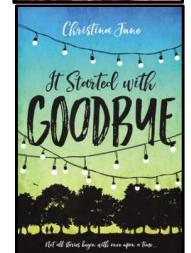
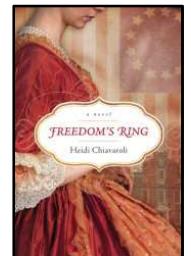
Heidi Chiavaroli writes women's fiction. She won the 2014 ACFW Genesis contest in the historical category. In her novel *Freedom's Ring*, two stories are woven into one, alternating between marathon runner Annie David of modern-day Boston and Liberty Caldwell of colonial Boston. Both women learn to overcome guilt and fears to find their inner strength.



Christina June writes young adult contemporary fiction. In *It Started with Goodbye*, 16-year-old Tatum is falsely accused of a crime. While on house arrest at her step-mother's home, Tatum hides her graphic design business that she works on at night. She discovers she is not the only one keeping secrets in the house. With the help of her step-grandmother, is she ready to start fresh and make amends with her family and friends?



Brennan S. McPherson writes thought-provoking biblical fantasy about some of the most well-recognized characters of all time. In *Cain: The Story of the First Murder and the Birth of an Unstoppable Evil*, he explores the depths of temptation, sin, and above all, God's unfathomable mercy.





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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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