

The Rare Bird

Church Libraries Association of British Columbia Newsletter

Church Librarians Matter!

Your Work Matters.

- You heal
- You challenge
- You lift up
- You teach
- You encourage
- You minister

~ Bette Nordberg

“A library collection should fit the mission for which it is created. The number of books it holds does not determine its worth. A well-selected library of 25 books could very well be an excellent library for its purpose.”
 ~ Erma Jean Loveland, introduction for *The Church Library: An Outline of Procedure*

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***Deadline for submissions to the next edition of Rare Bird is 10 October 2012***

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Notes from the President

How quickly time seems to have passed since the Spring Conference and the last issue of *The Rare Bird* and this is the first opportunity for me to express publicly much appreciation to the amazing team of people who stepped in to make the Conference happen so successfully. These same ladies have also amazed and inspired me with their knowledge of the organization, their efficient follow-up of the conference and how they have handled the many aspects and details involved in our change of name. My first Council meeting was a huge learning curve for me and I thank them in advance for the patience they will need as I learn the ropes.

I hope that you all read and digested the last issue of the *Rare Bird*. There was so much great information, positive reports of the conference and helpful suggestions as to how we can improve our ministry. Comments, suggestions and questions from the membership either through our new website or the newsletter can help keep us connected, so keep them coming. Thank you, Louise, for the great newsletter.

We are looking for ways to grow the membership and need your help. Many church librarians have never heard of CLABC, so during this year, think about how you can have a part in that. At a recent conference on Thetis Island I met a young lady who had been to our spring one for the first time and was thrilled and greatly blessed by it. She wants to spread the word among her friends in different churches and we should all do the same. Perhaps you have suggestions for a title for the Conference around the theme of growth. We have some ideas but would like to hear yours. Council needs a couple more folk to fill empty positions.

I'll repeat here something I said in my acceptance of the position of President at the Conference. To grow something the seed has to be planted, nurtured, watered and weeded—NOT neglected. However, we depend on nature—God's work--- for the growth and the fruit. We are God's helpers in our churches so I pray that we can work together to glorify Him in this ministry.

2 Corinthians 9: 6-8 and 12-15.

Respectfully, June Wynne, President

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(See page 3 Privacy article for  
background to this change)**

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## Chapter News and Notes

### NORTH SHORE

The next meeting will be in September. For information contact Linda Baxter 604-990-0507

### VANCOUVER ISLAND NORTH

Our fall meeting will be held on Sat., Oct. 6 in Campbell River at St. Peter's Anglican Church, 228 South Dogwood St. (corner of Dogwood & Pinecrest) @ 10:30 am. There will be reports from the inspirational 2012 conference, book reviews, book exchange, shared problems, joys, promotions, election and an added bonus - after our meeting a visit with Elaine the compost diva the community gardens adjacent to the church. Remember to bring your bag lunch -- we'll supply goodies and beverages. Contact Joan Palmer at 250-287-4864

### VICTORIA CHAPTER

The next meeting will be late September, date, time and location to be confirmed. Contact Louise Booth [staidans.library\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:staidans.library(at)gmail.com) or 250-472-3546

### RICHMOND GROUP (not a chapter yet, but we can hope)

Six members of the Richmond group had a good Meet-and-greet breakfast meeting in July, followed by a problem-solving session. The next meeting will be late Fall. Contact Kathy Yeo [clabc.ca\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:clabc.ca(at)gmail.com)

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Church Librarians and Privacy



Over the next year, your Council will be looking at various privacy concerns. On your renewal form, under “Protecting your privacy”, B.C.’s Personal Information Protection Act

requires that we tell how we use your information. We make use of it in the following ways:

- For administrative purposes, e.g. sending our CLABC Newsletter, The Rare Bird; and sharing news about CLABC activities
- For inclusion on the annual membership list or updates which are sent to all CLABC members. This list is supplied exclusively so that members can contact each other to share information. If you do not wish to have your information distributed in membership lists/updates, you can ask to withhold any/all of your personal information - e.g. address, phone, email, church.

CLABC has tried to cut costs by publishing the newsletter online rather than sending it by mail. However, past practice has had to be reviewed in light of internet and privacy concerns and to protect our members. At our last Council meeting, we agreed to continue distributing the membership list in **paper** only once a year. The membership year is from January – December and the all-member mail-out is in February.

Members can contact the Membership Secretary for updates via her e-mail. A new e-mail address will be created for the CLABC webpage. Members can use this email address to contact Council members and to ask for information.

We are paying to have the Rare Bird on the member site more secure. As well, the membership brochure has been revised and we will use (at) to mean @ when listing e-mails to reduce spam.

We all need to protect our digital identity. For more information on Digital tattoo see: http://guides.vpl.ca/digital_tattoo

What does it mean for the church librarian who is not on the internet? If you have your Borrowers’ list with name, address and phone number open on the library counter, you need to make it less visible.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please contact a member of the Council.

~ Kathy Yeo and Marg Conn

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## *Supporting other Church ministries*

One of our sister church library organizations, PNACL, had a workshop on this topic at their recent conference. Here’s a way you can reach out and expand your ministry.

First, take a look at your library’s statement of purpose, which is built on the goals of your church. How can you work with (rather than compete against) other church ministries to accomplish these goals?

Then you or someone from your team need to meet with someone from each of the teams, committees or ministries of your church to explore the ways you can work together. These ministries might include Evangelism, Church Leadership/Church Growth, Discipleship, Marriage and Family, Men’s and Women’s Ministries, Parenting, Prayer, Grief and Recovery, Apologetics (defending the faith), Outreach, Christian Education, etc. For ideas on how to set up and accomplish these meetings, see Dr. Morlee Maynard’s article

“How to Interview Ministry Leaders in Your Church” <http://preview.tinyurl.com/94av8ml>.

Using information gathered during the interview process, develop a work plan and strategies to work with other ministries to accomplish church goals.

Two to three months after the implementation of cooperation with other church ministries, take time to evaluate the strategies for working with other ministries. Be sure to get feedback from the other ministry leaders and be prepared to adjust as necessary.

~ Jackie Huffman

## **Possible action steps to take supporting other Church ministries**

Some ministries/groups plan for the whole year, others have shorter planning blocks – keep in contact throughout the year.

Check what resources you already have and create booklists and/or displays of relevant materials. Look for more on the topic to add to the collection, by checking what they have in the public library, in bookstores and online.

Take booklists and displays to the course or workshop (alert them you're coming and ask if you can have a few minutes at the beginning of the session to highlight what you have). Point them to the public library for more, especially when you don't have a lot.

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“Well-behaved librarians seldom make history”
Maybe someone has been checking up on me, because I was just presented with one of these T-shirts. They are unisex, organic cotton and sweatshop free. Check out the T shirt at <http://syracuseculturalworkers.com> and enter “librarians” in the search box.

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## **Spirituality and Practice**

One website well worth investigating is [www.spiritualityandpractice.com](http://www.spiritualityandpractice.com), a multifaith and interspiritual website providing resources for the spiritual journey. You'll find resources for different spiritual practices, reviews of books, and audio books, spirituality in films and DVDs, and much more. Each year they list awards for the most spiritually literate books, audio books and films of that year. These are well worth checking out for ideas for items to add to your library, or for suggestions for donations. The following article comes from this website:

### **Making Reading Sacred**

by Frederic and Mary Ann Brussat

As anybody who follows our book reviews on this website has probably guessed, we truly enjoy

reading. Reading is one of the ways we practice gratitude, meaning, hospitality, openness, and enthusiasm, and we commend it to you.

You may pick up a new book seeking knowledge on a subject that fascinates you. Or you may feel like exploring an alternative world created by a novelist. When your reading also exercises your faith, fires your imagination, stirs your soul, and expands your circle of compassion, it becomes a sacred activity.

Here are some practices we've used to deepen our reading experiences.

- Before you open a book, take a moment to give thanks to God for gifting its creator with the time, energy, creativity, and cooperation needed to make it possible for you to read it now.

- Treat the space where you are reading as a sacred place. Try to eliminate all distractions. Turn off the phone. Close the door. Make a commitment to focus all of your divinely endowed energies of attention and imagination on the text.

- Be a good host to the author. Let go of attitudes that might limit your receptiveness. Forget what you've heard about the book so you don't prejudge it. Don't expect the author to live up to some standard you've established. Instead, just be open to the words, the characters, and the messages as they unfold. Allow yourself to be surprised.

- Don't rush. Books are meant to be savored like a delicious meal. If you hurry, you may miss some of the important nuances and the subtle textures the author has worked hard to include.

- Be patient with the book. Sometimes you won't get the author's meaning right away. Maybe, as happens when you are talking with someone, you won't realize what was meant until you think about it later. If so, go back and reread that section of the book. There's no rule that you only get one pass through the pages!

- Have a conversation with the author as you read. Underline passages that catch your fancy.

Or, if you are reading a borrowed book or a library copy, copy favourite phrases into a notebook. Consider your underlines and notes as the equivalents of standing ovations at a musical performance. Know that a heavily notated book is one that you have taken to heart.

- As you read, notice and relish all the ways that the text speaks directly to you. It may remind you of something you are feeling, some need or yearning. More often than not, God gives us the books we need at just the right time to challenge or comfort us.

- Pause periodically, just hold the book, and allow yourself a moment of reverie. Let your senses come alive after reading a particularly apt description. Harvest the memories a turn of a story brings to mind. See if you identify with what the author or a character is feeling.

- The writings of religious and spiritual teachers, biographies of admirable people, even many novels are good medicine for our souls. They give us the courage to face the truth about ourselves, including any darkness within us, and to endure pain, suffering, and death. Consciously seek out moral mentors in your reading. Let their experiences become a source of inspiration and healing for you.

- Reading a good book is such a joy. Spread that joy around. Send a letter via the publisher to the author or the editor. Write a mini-review and post it where the book is described at one of the online bookstores such as [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com), or [BarnesandNoble.com](http://BarnesandNoble.com).

- Finally, when you get together with people, talk about what you are reading. Demonstrate your love by passing on a book that is special to you. One of the very best ways to make reading sacred is to use it to create deeper connections with your family, friends, and community.

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CLABC needs you!

We're looking for someone to step up and take on the position of Vice President / President Elect. This position would entail attending 4 Council meetings a year, presiding over these meetings or the Annual Business Meeting only if the President is absent or incapacitated. The VP also serves as Council's liaison with the Conference Committee, submitting an annual report, and of course "performing other such duties as required", that wonderful catch-all that every job description carries.

You would not be alone, and would not be expected to know everything before you start. You'd be working with 9 others who stand ready to teach you the ropes. All you need to bring is enthusiasm and a willingness to learn and to share your ideas, to listen, and to work with others. Think about it, pray for guidance, and then contact us on our email [clabc.ca\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:clabc.ca(at)gmail.com)

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### ***The Church Librarian***

Often provides books to people who cannot yet process the Word on their own (new believers, addicts, those in recovery)

Often provides materials that provide relief or help to those suffering from the effects of evil. (those in relationship trauma, or recovery)

May provide material that helps others discover their own gifts, ministries, and value in the Body of Christ.

Often provides materials that encourage and enrich those who are leading the army of God, to pastors, ministry leaders, prayer warriors,

~ Bette Nordberg

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Volunteers: do you have them? do you need them? do you want them?

There are two main types of Volunteers

- Those who volunteer for the joy of volunteering
- Those who volunteer for the “exposure” of volunteering

Both are excellent to have on staff, but you have to know which kind you have and to use their strengths and talents

Management Principals that work with paid or volunteer staff:

- Praise in public, reprimand in private
- Reward, reward, reward
- Delegate don't dictate
- Make personal contacts with volunteers on a frequent basis to reinforce how important their contribution is

Organizing Volunteers

- Have a list of tasks that need to be done
- Organize the list by the schedule of when things should be done:
 - ✓ Every day (shelving, circulation)
 - ✓ Weekly (straightening the shelves)
 - ✓ Monthly (overdues)
 - ✓ Yearly (inventory)
- Host “staff” meetings on a day when several volunteers can meet. This can be as frequently as once a week or if necessary once a year
- Hold “work-bees”. Processing the books can be a daunting task – but if you turn it into a group activity it isn't as arduous
- Have a communication book where volunteers can write what they did when they were at the library; notes can be left so volunteers know what needs to be accomplished and any important comments can be left for the next person

Finding Volunteers

Benefits of adding new volunteers include

- ✓ New points of views
- ✓ New perspectives
- ✓ Innovative methods

- When possible, hold an entrance interview. What is their work ethic, work pattern...

- See how the person matches to the job description. Are they willing to shelve books, shelf read...
- Set a probation time frame: Be very careful: you want the new person to be a “good fit”. Even if the volunteer is eager, if they don't fit with the other volunteers it is better to say no and upset/ disappoint one person than lose the existing volunteers...

Volunteer Opening

Job Description

The Church Library is currently looking for new volunteers to help with our ministry.

Qualifications:

- A friendly manner
- An interest in books and other reading materials

Responsibilities:

- Help patrons sign-in and sign-out books
- Help patrons to find materials
- Assist with creating thematic book displays
- Assist with book purchasing suggestions
- Assist with creating book lists and other advertising materials for the library
- Shelving material, shelf-reading and participating in yearly inventory process

Orientation and Training:

On the job training will be provided

Commitment:

Generally for 1-3 hours per week. Preferably with a commitment of 6 months at a time. This allows rotation schedules to be created for all volunteers.

Benefits:

- Work experience
- Letter of reference

Satisfaction:

- Meeting people in your church
- Helping people

~ Karla Buckborough, CLAO *Library Lines*
If you would like more from her workshop, email
[kbuckborough\(at\)cogeco.ca](mailto:kbuckborough@cogeco.ca)

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## September 9 is Grandparents' Day



The first Sunday after Labour Day is National Grandparents Day. Take some time to put together a display of resources for them. They could be books on grandparenting, or books to share with their grandchildren. Grandparents can be a wide range of ages, and many of the older members of your congregation might be great-grandparents. You might want to include books on ageing, spirituality, general books

### Grandparents and grandparenting

Huntly, Alyson. *Grandparenting as a sacred gift*. United Church of Canada, 2001. 9780886223793

Milton, Ralph. *The Spirituality of grandparenting*. Northstone Press, 2007. 9781896836867

*Grandparents raising grandchildren : a legal guide*. Parent Support Services Society of BC, UVic School of Social Work. 2009.

*Supporting grandparents raising grandchildren resource booklet*. UVic School of Social Work. 2007.

Check out the local library to see what else you can refer people to – e.g. there are several books on long distance grandparenting. I haven't seen them, but there could be something useful.

### ~~~~~ Council doings

Just what does your Council do? Here's what your Promotions Chair has been doing:

- If you are interested in magazine covers, Lisa Lewko has new ones to sell. Please contact her directly (see your membership list).

- Membership brochures are being placed in theological colleges during the summer. Contact was made one-on-one in the course of my work.

- Six members of the Richmond group had a good Meet-and-greet breakfast meeting in July, followed by a problem-solving session. The next meeting will be late Fall.

~ Kathy Yeo, Promotions

### "A Librarian's Prayer"

Lord, grant me the Serenity to accept  
that the book is lost forever;  
The Courage to refuse a loan  
when there's an overdue book;  
And the wisdom to know  
when it's time to take a break.

~ Joyce Kight

CSLA Northeastern Ohio Chapter June 2012

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Book Reviews

Brake, Donald L. with Shelly Beach. *A Visual history of the King James Bible : the dramatic story of the world's best-known translation*. Grand Rapids, Mich. : Baker Books, c2011. ISBN 9780801013478 (cloth) Dewey: 220.5

2011 was the 400th Anniversary of the King James Version (KJV). The author covers the KJV from the initial controversy to its legacy. "Every English-speaking Christian...should own a King James Bible. It has impacted our history, heritage, culture, art and language in ways that cannot be ascribed in a single volume." Beautiful, full-colour layout. ~ Kathy Yeo

Nordberg, Bette. *Serenity Bay*. Nelson, c.2005, ISBN-13: 9781404185678 (pap). Fiction

Patricia and her husband move to Serenity Bay in the Puget Sound, to family property he has inherited. It should be paradise, but it isn't, for Russell's jealousy and mood swings turn into domestic violence that escalates. Her friendship with Susan makes all the difference, especially as Susan offers non-judgmental listening and support when Patricia finally breaks down and shares her secret. Escape plans go awry, leaving Patricia and her 2 children, penniless and afoot, to cope with life in a women's shelter and the constant fear of discovery. The situation is sadly one that is all too common in society. Nordberg handles the situation effectively, and shows how faith and friendship can make a difference.

~ Louise Booth

Book Repair 101, Part 5 :

What a Mess! When Books Need a Good Cleaning.

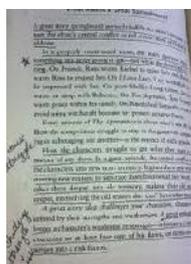
By Vivian Walker, Library Technician

We've all had this situation. A book is returned, put on the shelf, and then someone notices the crayon marks/highlighting/comments that have defaced it. One way to avoid this problem is to always do a quick flip through books as they are returned so damage is noted immediately. I like to physically write down and initial damage right on the title page of the book. If you have a computerized system, you can add it as a note. For example, "Nov 28- highlighting page 28 noted. VW" or "Jan 15-tears on pages 5-9 taped. VW"

The question is, how do you remove common damage found in returned books? Here is a list of some tricks that work for me:

Gum: don't try to scrape it off. Immediately place the book in a plastic bag and put it in a deep freeze. Once frozen, carefully scrape it off. You may need to do a quick pass with some fine sandpaper or an emery board, and then with an art eraser, but most gum can be totally removed once it has been frozen. Afterward, let the book return to room temperature in a well-vented area so condensation doesn't gather.

Bodily fluids/solids: If blood has worked into the pages of a book, you need to toss it. However, if it is only on the cover, try wiping with a Lysol wipe. This works especially well on shiny hard covers or jackets, where you can scrub a bit. The stain will loosen, and the cover will be disinfected.



Marked pages: Highlighter is very difficult to remove, but most other markings (pen or pencil) will come off with an art eraser.

Permanent marker: If it is fresh and on a cover, try a Lysol wipe. (This also takes off marker stains on tables and walls)

Sometimes, if you cover a permanent marker with dry erase ink (Expo marker, for example) of the same colour, the dry erase will suck up the permanent ink. Just blot to remove. This trick also works when someone uses permanent marker on a whiteboard.

Yellowed tape: This is why we don't use regular tape on books. It yellows and adhesive bleeds out the edges. However, you can sometimes pick off the yellowed tape and then carefully smooth with sandpaper or an emery board, making it easier for new acid-free tape to be applied.

Wet books: Blot, blot, blot. If the water has worked its way to the spine, it's usually too late because glues start to loosen. However, if the damage is only water and on a few pages, just keep blotting until the book is mostly dry and then fan out the wet pages and let the rest dry naturally. Inspect for any mildew before returning to the shelf.

Mildew: There is no cure for mildew. You might think you've gotten rid of it but then you'll find its spread to other books. You need to toss the book. If you find mildewed books in your library, you have an emergency. You need to find the source of the damp, if it's in the library, and get help in stopping the source. Many libraries are in basements and use dehumidifiers. If a mildewed book has been put on the shelf, pull out the books around it immediately and clean all the shelves.

Working in a school library, I encountered many different causes of damage. During the threat of avian flu, I began a program of quickly wiping down picture book covers with a Lysol wipe. (I used wipes because they dry quicker than water on a cloth) I was shocked at the hidden filth on most covers. Picture books, especially, get put in mouths and handled with dirty hands. Teaching children to first wash hands before handling a book is a great preventive measure in stopping damage. Having book bags for transporting books (you can buy them for under a dollar from supply stores) is another way to keep books clean and protected and also to alert parents that books need to be returned.

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### ***Need more book repair help?***

Don't forget to check out Mandy Schwarz's *Basic Book Repair for Beginners* workshop for answers to issues you come across that Vivian hasn't covered. See [http://www.bcla.bc.ca/LTAIG/page/book\\_%20repair%20workshop.aspx](http://www.bcla.bc.ca/LTAIG/page/book_%20repair%20workshop.aspx) *Librarians in Churches (LINC-L list)*



## ***Check your Calendar*** **Conferences**

### **Church Library Association of Ontario**

[www.claa.ca](http://www.claa.ca)

**Sept 29, 2012 Fall Conference**

Kingsview United Church, Oshawa, ON  
Contact Mary Ryan [conference\(at\)claa.ca](mailto:conference(at)claa.ca)

### **Evangelical Church Library Association**

[www.eclalibraries.org](http://www.eclalibraries.org)

**October 12-13, 2012 Annual Conference**

Wheaton Evangelical Free Church, Wheaton, Ill.

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National Church Library Association

churchlibraries.org/

Check NCLA website for workshop dates. Click on “Events” and scroll down to “Regional events for Church Librarians”. While there is no main conference listed, there are many chapter conferences and workshops across the USA, so if you’re traveling in the area at the time one is taking place it might be worthwhile getting details and attending.

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2013 Conference

St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, Duncan, BC
April 13 or 20 – check website for updates

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### **Free Resource**

The Christian Library Journal, known for reviewing books for children and teens from a Christian perspective, is now free to all who register. Take a look at their new website: <http://www.christianlibraryj.org>. And comment, if you like. They’d love to hear from you. *Librarians in Churches (LINC-L list)*

## **Opportunities for displays** **and/or promotion**

### **August:**

- Don’t forget audio books for those traveling!
- This is a good time to see what needs to be cleaned up, painted or freshened up.
- It can be slow in the summer so inventory your collection, weed, and look for things to mend.
- Start your planning for fall meetings, displays, bulletin boards, etc.



August is sandwich month— sandwich in a little time for reading. Yes, you too! Refresh *yourself* and relax with a good book ... or ten!

### **September:**

Set up meetings with your pastors, leaders, and committees and together plan how you and the resources in the library can enhance the activities of the other ministries in your church this year. (see p. 3)

8 Sept ~ International Literacy Day

9 Sept. ~ Grandparents’ Day (see p.7)

13 Sept ~ First Sunday School founded 1735

22 Sept ~ Fall equinox

### **October:**

Canadian Library Month

4 Oct ~ First English Bible 1535

7 Oct ~ Thanksgiving Sunday

28 Oct ~ Reformation Sunday



### **November:**

11 Nov ~ Remembrance Day – feature books on war and peace / peacemaking.

### **December:**

2 Dec ~ Advent starts

5 Dec ~ Birthday of William Barclay, theologian and writer

