

Newtown Meeting Library Committee 2014 Annual Report

The Library Committee is a robust and cohesive group dedicated to making the library a relevant source of spiritual nourishment. Members include Judy Fellows, Ann Rucker, Sue Karr, Gene Borish and Sharon Hulihan. Their plans are fourfold: 1) cull the library of musty, moldy and outdated books, 2) add new books that would be representative of the Quaker Spices, books about Quakerism, it's history and biographies, and books that deepen our spiritual journey, 3) the books that remain will be cleaned and if necessary, provided a new book cover. Finally (4), once the contents have been culled, cleaned and updated, Librarything, the online book directory, will be revised.

At the suggestion of the Inreach/Outreach Committee, we hosted a used book sale. Donations were solicited in October and the sale was held in November. All children's books were set aside and about 200 books were donated to Mercer Street Friends. Profits from the sale yielded \$176.00 which will be added to our reduced to budget of \$150.00.

To date, sixteen books (8 adult, 8 children) were purchased using the \$200 from the 2013-14 budget. The Committee reached out to all clerks soliciting recommendations to the library based on their committee's point of view. A wishlist is being kept on Librarything.com and reading lists from past spiritual formation programs will be used to consider future additions.

The Committee is grateful to Linda Heinemann for her advice and council. We value her mentoring.

The Committee meets regularly and looks forward to completing our mission as described.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Hulihan, Clerk

1 Attachment: List of 16 books purchased

2014 Library Acquisitions

Letters to a Fellow Seeker
Chase, Steve

Everything Is Workable: A Zen Approach to Conflict Resolution
Hamilton, Diane Musho

Turning To Earth: Stories of Ecological Conversion
Schauffler, F. Marina

Decision Making & Spiritual Discernment: The Sacred Art of Finding Your Way
(The Art of Spiritual Living)
Bieber, Nancy L.

The Simple Living Guide: A Sourcebook for Less Stressful, More Joyful Living
Luhrs, Janet

Thee and Me: A Beginner's Guide to Early Quaker Records
Arnold, Lisa Parry

Genetically Modified Crops: Promises, Perils, and the Need for Public Policy
Mitchell, Anne

The Active Life: A Spirituality of Work, Creativity, and Caring
Palmer, Parker J.

Those Shoes
Boelts, Maribeth

Silence
Lemniscates

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Young Readers Edition
Kamkwamba, William

Enemy Pie (Reading Rainbow book)
Munson, Derek

Moody Cow Learns Compassion
MacLean, Kerry Lee

Only One You
Linda Kranz

Low Carbon Diet: A 30 Day Program to Lose 5000 Pounds--Be Part of the Global
Warming Solution!
David Gershon

Mindful Monkey, Happy Panda
Lauren Alderfer