

Library Committee 2018 Annual Report

The Library Committee continues to be a strong and steady group dedicated to enriching the life of the meeting by choosing and promoting books that nurture the spiritual lives of both the children and adults of Newtown Meeting. New this past year was the decision to promote and display books in the lobby on the first Sunday of the month highlighting a different theme each month. For example, all books about simplicity, social justice or spirituality, were displayed and viewed as a collection. This activity was warmly received and we subsequently noticed an increase in the number of books checked out each week.

There are a few other changes to report since our last annual report in December 2016. We asked and received permission to change the month of our annual report to align with the activity of the group which occurs in June, at the end of the fiscal year, not in December.

This year we were given the added responsibility of ordering books on behalf of Care & Counsel CRE and Inreach/Outreach. The books include Faith & Practice and a book discussion book, Seeds that Change the World by Debbie Humphries. An adjustment to our budget was made to accommodate those expenditures.

In 2017, we added 32 books to the library. In 2018, 33 books were purchased with fund from our budget combined with the proceeds of a used book sale and a record number of 23 unsolicited donations were made from members totaling 56 books in all. All these books have been added to LibraryThing, an online Library reference site that contains our entire collection.

There is no set rule on how long to take out a book, we just want it returned after you're finished with it. From time to time, we'll send an email or have a chat about returning a book that has been out awhile. Anyone is welcome to make a recommendation for a book to be included in our collection.

We are proud of this newest collection of books and invite everyone to stop by and take a look. The 2017 and 2018 book list is attached.

Sincerely,

Sharon Hulihan
Library Committee, Clerk