

Library Committee 2019 Annual Report

The Library Committee is pleased to report there has been an increase in the number of books being borrowed as well as an increase in the number of folks accessing the library. We are happy to see that borrowing is not limited to one or two categories but there's interest across all the categories, which to name a few, are Quakerism, Quaker History, Peace, Simplicity, Social Justice, Environmentalism, Spirituality, Biography/Memoirs and Life's Journey's, which includes parenting, aging, & death and dying.

In 2019, twenty-six books were purchased using the proceeds from our annual spring Used Book Sale and our \$150 budget. Additionally, we were happy to be the designated recipient of the proceeds from the sale of the Imagine Peace license plates sold by Marguerite Chandler. In addition to our new purchases countless donations of books have made from members known and unknown and for that we are truly grateful. All these books have been added to LibraryThing, an online Library reference site that contains our entire collection.

Seven of the twenty six new books are targeted for our younger Friends. Titles reflect stories about standing up to bullies, strengthening mindfulness practices and ways in which we can be a good friend. The adult themed books range from ways in which we can reduce waste, embrace a simpler life and our carbon footprint to understanding racism, social justice, and gender identity. We've added the latest biography on Bayard Rustin and have two new books on aging. We are always interested in new suggestions.

This year, the Committee plans on becoming a greater presence on Facebook and the bulletin board by posting photographs of particular books from various sections of the library so as to entice reluctant users into becoming more active borrowers. The books are grouped together by categories represented by different colored tape found on the spine of the book. For example, all the books on the environment have dark green tape while all the spirituality books have brown tape. Our colorful key to the categories is located on the shelf as well as on the library committee page of the website.

We are excited to share our newest collection of books and invite everyone to stop by and take a look. The 2019 book list is attached.

Sincerely,

Sharon Hulihan
Library Committee, Clerk