

New Items at Epworth UMC Library!



Children's Books:

Finding the Golden Ruler by Karen Hill, illustrated by Felicia Hoshino, donated by Michiyo Hashimoto. This is a charming book about John who is searching for his "golden ruler". When he finds that it is the golden rule he is looking for, John finds that it was always in his heart.

I am Dodo: Not a True Story by Kae Nishimura, given by Michiyo Hashimoto. A sweet and whimsical tale about an elderly professor and his friend, the last dodo bird.

Nighty Night, Baby Jesus by Molly Schaar Idle.

A rhyming story telling of stable animals awakening to find a baby boy in their manger. They of course raise their voices joyfully until Mary asks them to hush so Jesus can sleep. Incredible illustrations!

Adult Non-Fiction:

If the Church Were Christian: Rediscovering the Values of Jesus by Philip Guley. (Dewey: 261.1) "This manifesto is a call not just to worship Jesus, but to follow him. It asks the daring question, 'What if Christians actually began to take their Christ seriously?' The answer to that question could change the world." - Shane Claiborne. A highly readable wake-up call for all Christians.

The Help: a Novel by Kathryn Stockett. (Dewey: F/Sto) The beguiling and wondrous story of the three very different women in the 1960s: new college graduate Skeeter, Aibileen, a wise, regal woman raising her 17th white child while she mourns the loss of her son, and Minny, the sassiest woman in Mississippi. These women come together for a clandestine project that will put them all at risk. And why? Because they are all suffocating within the lines that define their town and their times.

The Gift of Years: Growing Older Gracefully by Joan Chittister. (Dewey: 305.6/Chi) Donated by Dee Urban. In a world that glorifies youth and degrades old age, the words of Ms. Chittister are a precious gift. This book looks at the many dimensions of aging, the purposes and concerns, struggles and surprises, the potential and joys. Among many essential topics, it talks about the fear of tomorrow and the mystery of forever.

The New Codependency: Help and Guidance for Today's Generation by Melody Beattie. (Dewey: 362.2/Bea) There are times when we do too much, care too much, feel too little, or overly engage to the point of missing our own lives. In this timely follow up to the groundbreaking *Codependent No More*, Beattie clears up misconceptions about codependency. Invoking her own and others' inspiring stories, along with activities and tests pertaining to particular behaviors, we are shown a step-by-step guide to greater personal wellness.

DVD Group Studies:

The Fog of War: Eleven Lessons from the Life of Robert S. McNamara, donated by Judy & Mark Tucker. As leader of the world's most powerful military force during the U.S.'s most volatile period in recent years, McNamara offers new and surprising insights into the effects of the Vietnam War. A mesmerizing and award-winning film, *The Fog of War* was recently used by Tippy's Friends Sunday School class to discuss war in relation to the United Methodist Church.

Faces on Faith: Classic Interviews with 20th Century Leaders DVD Series. These remarkable interviews feature some of the 20th century's giants of faith, discussing their hopes and beliefs in a relaxed, informal setting. Topics include life goals and accomplishments, the meaning of prayer, the problem of evil, and the role of faith in daily living. Each interview is 25 minutes long and comes with a group discussion guide. Perfect for Sunday School classes.

DVD #1: Huston Smith, Rita Nakashima Brock, and Chaim Potok

DVD #2: Joan Chittister, Marcus Borg, and James Lawson

DVD #3: Desmond Tutu, Parker Palmer, and Adele Gonzales

DVD #4: Frederick Buechner, Marian Wright Edelman, and Gustavo Gutierrez

Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White: Thoughts on Religion, Morality, and Politics by UMC Pastor Adam Hamilton. America is currently pretty polarized with fewer and fewer people listening to each other. Adam Hamilton has some ideas for thinking persons of faith to model for the rest of the country a richer, more thoughtful conversation on the political, moral, and religions issues that divide us. This 5 session study includes a Leader Guide for group discussion.

24 Hours That Changed the World by UMC Pastor Adam Hamilton. In this 7 session group study DVD, complete with Leader Guide, we are guided, step by step, through the last day of Jesus' life, traveling to the Holy Land with Hamilton to visit the sites where those events took place. Perfect for a group Lenten study, or any Sunday School class.

Green Team DVD Titles:

Sustainable Table: A Documentary About Your Food by Mischa Hedges.

What's on your plate? Where does it come from? What effects does it have on the environment, your body and the economy? What can you do to help?

The End of Suburbia: Oil Depletion and the Collapse of the American Dream.

Suburbia, and all it promises has become the American dream. But serious questions are emerging about the sustainability of this way of life. With brutal honesty and a touch of irony, this film explores the American way of life and its prospects as the planet approaches a critical era. Are today's suburbs destined to become the slums of tomorrow? What can be done NOW to avoid the end of suburbia???

Trashed: This is the Story of Garbage...American Style.

Garbage. This is an issue influenced by every American, most of whom never consider the consequences of it or its implications to our biosphere. At times humorous, but deeply poignant, *Trashed* examines the American waste stream fast approaching a half a billion tons a year. It is an informative and thought-provoking film everyone interested in the future should see.

***Affluenza* with NPR's Scott Simon.**

Medical alert! An outbreak of Affluenza has been reported in your area. Symptoms: Swollen expectations, Hypercommercialism, Shopping Fever, a Rash of Bankruptcies, Fractured Families, Chronic Stress, and Resource Exhaustion. Treatment: See Affluenza for instant relief. A funny and powerful program examining the social malady of overconsumption and materialism.

Effective Stewardship: Wisdom on the Environment.

This 20 minute film suggests that Christians may care deeply about the environment and nevertheless support proposals that do more harm than good. As the lesson's six experts make clear, we are called not simply to care for God's creation but to care for it effectively.

A Thousand Suns: Food, Ecology, and Religion in the 21st Century.

This film tells the story of the people of the Gamo Highlands of the African Rift Valley, one of the most densely populated rural regions of Africa. Surprisingly, its people have been farming sustainably for 10,000 years. This 30 minute film explores the modern world's untenable sense of separation and superiority over nature and how we can learn from the interconnected worldview of the Gamo people to achieve long-term sustainability.

Adult Fiction:

***The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society: a Novel* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows.**

Jan. 1046: Writer Juliet Ashton receives a letter from a stranger, a founding member of the G.LPPPS. And so begins a remarkable tale of the island of

Guernsey during the German Occupation of WWII, and of a society of unique individuals in unique circumstances.

Suncatchers: a Novel by Jamie Langston Turner, donated by Michiyo Hashimoto. Sociologist Perry Warren has always been fascinated by people, but his relationships are in a shambles. Will his son be raised fatherless, just as he was? Hoping distance will help, Perry immerses himself in a writing project in a town where life is slow, but rich in research fodder - and hope.

When Zeffie Got a Clue: a Cozy Mystery by Peggy Darty, given by Michiyo Hashimoto. A jewelry theft. A Mansion murder. Dangerous family secrets buried in history. Can trash-to-treasure shop owner Christy Castleman convince others to let go of the past before it's too late??

The Adams County Trilogy by Jerry S. Eicher:

Rebecca's Promise: Faith, love and tradition all come together to play a part in Rebecca's divine destiny.

Rebecca's Return: Her among the Amish, drama, heartbreak and happiness are to be found when one submits to God's will.

Rebecca's Choice: What are John and Rebecca willing to sacrifice from love? And at what cost is happiness achieved?