



Library Resources and Christian Literature

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Philosophy Behind YMCA Library Resources

The YMCA is in a unique position to provide Christian materials and resources to members that would not normally have exposure to such materials and resources.

In order to be most effective the following considerations should be thought through:

- Some of the resources should be free to maximize a members access to the message of Christ.
 - There would be enough titles and variety that the resources would be appealing to a wide variety of people, but not so many titles that we dilute the impact that the library can have.
 - Might want to highlight a book of the week on a special stand.
 - Might want to have an area that the book can be looked over a sitting area.
 - Might want to devise some self serve check out system for resources.
 - Someone should be designated as the point person to weekly straighten up the bookshelf and the resources and to remove any books that have been added.
 - Remember goal is not to have tons of books, but ones that will help bring the greatest impact. Occasionally, members may suggest a book to be added which a point person might want to consider and add the title to the library list. There also be times that people will put books on the shelf that are either old, outdated or contrary to the gospel of Christ. It would seem prudent to keep a list of the resources that should be in the library and make sure that inappropriate material is not finding its way in.
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Recommended Resources For A YMCA Chapel

Give Away Resources

Books

- (25) More Than a Carpenter
- (25) Mere Christianity
- (25) Most Important Investment and/or The Search
- (25) Life Skills Magazine
- (20) The Message of Hope – Gospel of John
- (Unlimited) Life Action Sheets – To be designed.

Other Magazines

These can be used in the workout areas and then retired for use in the library or to be given away as free resources after the new month comes.

- Brio, Break Away, Plugged In, Citizen, Success Factors

Permanent Resources

Videos

- (5) Jesus Film
- (2) Knowing Jesus

Bibles

- Life Application Bible – NIV
- One Year Bible – TLB
- The Message

Devotional Books

- God's Little Devotional Book
- Life Walk – By Bruce Wilkinson
- Streams in the Desert – L.B. Cowan
- My Utmost for His Highest – Oswald Chambers

Books on Life Issues

- Boundaries – Henry Cloud & John Townsend
- Triumphant Marriage – Niel Clark Warren
- Language of Love – Gary Smalley
- Finding the Love of Your Life – Neil Clark Warren
- Do Not Lose Hope - Dave & Ann Dravecky's
- Jesus I Never Knew – Phillip Yancey
- What's So Amazing About Grace- Phillip Yancey;
- Grace Awakening – Chuck Swindoll
- Parenting isn't for Cowards – James Dobson
- Too Busy to Pray – Bill Hybels
- Why you Do What you Do – Bobb Biehl
- HalfTime – Bob Buford
- Beauty and the Best – Debra Evans
- The Ragamuffin Gospel- Brennan Manning
- Chronicles of Narnia – C.S.Lewis
- Christian Workers Handbook – Billy Graham
- The Heritage – Otis Ledbetter
- Your Finances in Changing Times – Larry Burkett

Books on God & Bible

- Letters to a Skeptic – Greg Boyd
- Answers to Tough Questions – Josh McDowell
- The God You Are Looking For - Bill Hybels
- The Case for Christ - Lee Strobel
- Guide to God by Bruce and Stan
- Guide to Bible by Bruce and Stan
- I'm Glad You Asked – Ken Boa
- 30 Days to Understand the Bible– Max Anders
- 25 Questions Skeptics Ask