

## **History of the NCC Library**

Work began toward CCN Library in 1998 after the church board gave permission and Pastor Daniel Ketchum the go-ahead for Beverly Holcomb,

Maurietta Duke and a team of volunteers to unpack and sort numerous boxes of books stored in the Tower room. Books suited for the forming of a church lending library were moved to a vacated room once used for an office. Books not suited to library use were archived, discarded or donated. Books to be placed in the library must be cleaned, categorized and processed. Donated books—and there were many—required the same careful treatment.

While that one small room proved far from adequate, Bev and her team made it work. Furnishings consisted of adjustable shelving, one chair, one small student desk and an aging computer and printer. Volunteers, few with library experience, were there to help the day library doors opened. A small slice of the church budget went for supplies, and private donations made it possible to purchase a few new books. By 2003, following the completion of the new annex, the surrounding three rooms had been vacated and designated for library use. Changes as to the use of the different rooms have been made over the years as well as changes in staffing. Since Beverly Holcomb moved away, Cheryl Myhre has served as capable director. With the current arrangement, the original one room library now houses most of the fiction. A brightly decorated room with a wall of books suitable for upper grades provides space for young children to enjoy age-appropriate books. A third room is used for storage and business while the fourth houses non-fiction, DVDs and additional fiction as well as a large and adequate desk with a computer programmed for ease and efficiency. Thanks be to God for this beautiful answer to prayer and for the generous people who gave and continue to give of their time, talents and resources simply for the love of sharing good books.