



## **Philosophy behind YMCA Library Resources**

*Putting Christian Principles into practice through programs that build spirit, mind and body for all.*

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.
- You might want to highlight a book of the week on a special stand.
- You might want to have an area that the book can be looked over a sitting area.
- You 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 by members without review.
- 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 There also may be times that people will put books on the shelf that are either old, outdated or contrary to the gospel of Christ.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