

## LIBRARY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT, March, 2018

### I. Introduction

The Library Committee continued to prepare for renovation. Some of the shelves will be removed during the construction, and therefore we have moved most reserve books and bound magazines into the Terrace Room. We have been going over the shelves, restoring order, and repairing book labels.

We continue our new system for checkout, using a sign out notebook.

### II. Finding Books in the Collection and Checking Them Out

First, find the library website, by going to the Quick Links at <http://quakersdc.org/>

Or by going directly to <http://quakersdc.org/Library>

The books in the Library have been cataloged on <http://www.LibraryThing.com>. The FMW Library catalog is viewable at <http://www.librarything.com/catalog/FMWLibrary> or on mobile devices at <http://www.librarything.com/m/> by entering the collection name FMWLibrary.

Locate books by author, or subject, or title. To find where the book you want is located, find the call number under the Comments section. If necessary, ask Library Committee members for help. If you can't find the book you want on the shelf, check the notebook to see if someone else has it out.

Try to return books within three weeks so that others may use them too.

### III. Size, Growth and Scope of the Collection

In February, 2018, the Library held 2214 books in the collection, about 30 more than last year at this time. Additions to the collection came partly from donations this year. We will continue to seek suggestions from the community and look for new titles relating to Quakerism to add to the collection.

Before donating books, please talk to committee members. The Library's scope for collecting includes Quaker history and biography, spirituality, LGBTQ spirituality, mysticism, social justice, and non-violence. We do hold occasional book sales, and would like permission to sell duplicate or inappropriate books.

#### IV. Kindles and E-Books

The library owns 5 Kindle paperwhites which are available to be used by reading groups in the meeting. Ask the librarians about this if you are interested.

The Library has also added more links to electronic versions of classic Quaker titles to the Library's homepage, including John Woolman's *Journal*, Robert Barclay's *Apology*, and *Journal of the Life and Religious Labours of Elias Hicks*. We have included a basic introduction to Quakerism website, and a link to another Quaker library which has even more material. If people need assistance downloading these to their own Kindles or other e-book readers, please contact Library Committee members

#### V. Membership

We could always use assistance and actively welcome new members. If you have an interest, please approach one of the committee members.

#### Members of the Library Committee:

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