



# Libraries

Children, Youth & Adults



## WRPC Church Library

Our church library, open during regular church hours, is located on the main floor in Room 103. It is a beautiful, peaceful place that is filled with resources for adults regarding personal growth, spiritual maturity, and fun fiction and videos.



The Waverly Road Libraries house nearly 4,000 volumes in total representing Adult, Youth, and Children's dedicated sections. Several clergy when visiting our church have commented on the beautiful space and the variety and quality of the selections. The arrangement is in the Dewey Decimal System and there is a convenient guide to this system around the checkout desk. The library's card catalog was converted to a library automated system around 15 years ago. One can easily search for a book from this computer for any of the three

main libraries. We house an impressive collection of Bibles and



commentaries, inspirational, daily devotionals and biographies. Also, in family life we have a variety of books addressing marriage support, child rearing, care of the elderly, sewing, gardening, traveling, just to name a few. If your interest is in book series, there is a

number of those also. Books on tape, DVD, and collected different Bible studies, and previous services are available as well.

## Youth Library

The Youth Library is located on the 2nd floor in the Youth Suite. There are books for young adults featuring fiction and non-fiction as well as books on encouraging faith and spiritual growth.



On the lighter side, we have a very sophisticated collection of comic books, donated in memory of one of our church members, Brian Dockery. We are thankful for this very special collection for our youth to enjoy.



## Children's Library

The Children's Library is located downstairs in the main Church Library in Room 103.

We have a wonderful collection of children's books featuring both religious and secular selections. We want to encourage all children to read and enjoy the gift of literature!



Karah Germroth, one of our Waverly Road church members has written "Kalo's First Migration" about her family's trip to the Serengeti.

## Library Procedures

The library is open whenever the church is open. Books can be kept one month. It operates on a self-checkout system: There is a checkout card in the pocket at the back of the book. Write your name on the checkout card, then place it in the appropriate category in the checkout box on top of the card catalog table. There is a basket on the card catalog table where you can place all materials you are returning.

There are separate checkout boxes and return locations in the children's and youth libraries.

## About Our Church Librarian

Wanda Kerns, our Godly Play teacher received her Montessori Training from St. Nicholas Training Center for Montessori Education through Lausanne School, serving a year's internship (highly commended) with the Bristol Family YMCA Children's House and became a director for the Bristol Family YMCA Children's House for five years.



She completed her B.S. with honors from ETSU becoming certified to teach grades 1-8. Wanda holds a Master of Education, also from ETSU. Her course of study was Media Services which included Library Science, Textbook organization, Instructional Technology, Display and other aspects of Media Services. Returning to school at Tennessee Wesleyan, she received her endorsement for Traditional Pre-K and K. The Media Services Master degree included certification as Library Media Specialist Pre-K-12 by the State of Tennessee. Ms. Kerns worked for the Kingsport City Schools for 20 years in this capacity.

Mrs. Kerns taught 3-4 grade Sunday School for about 15 years at Mountain View UMC, and has taught Godly Play, a Montessori approach to the spiritual development of the young child for eight years at Waverly Road. After being asked to create a Godly Play environment, she set about doing so. Godly Play was a new approach for our congregation.

Also, after joining Waverly Road before Dan Clark became our pastor, she was approached to take on the oversight of our church library. After a short time, she automated the collection and remains the Church Librarian.