



The Relevancy of Church Libraries

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Books

Lit! A Christian Guide to Reading Books by Tony Reise (2011) Crossway.

"Learn how to read better, what to read, when to read and why you should read...offered here is a theology for reading and practical suggestions for reading widely, reading well, and for making it all worthwhile."

Reading for the Common Good by C. Christopher Smith (2016) Intervarsity Press.

Smith "explores the practice of reading and 'how we can read together in ways that drive us deeper into action.' Discover how books can help your churches and neighborhoods bring flourishing to the world."

Articles

The Church Library Starts with a Purpose

How to Start or Renew a Church Library

This article gives you ten steps to plan with the pastor and other church leadership just how this vital new ministry will enhance the life of the church family.

<http://www.lifeway.com/Article/Church-library-ministry-how-to-begin-or-renew-a-church-library>

Church Libraries as an Antidote to "The Scandal of the Evangelical Mind"

An interview with a church librarian who advocates starting a church library that not only caters to children and popular Christian materials, but also to books and resources that encourage Christian intellectual engagement.

<https://thewayofimprovement.com/2016/08/04/church-libraries-as-an-antidote-to-the-scandal-of-the-evangelical-mind/>

Starting a Church Library

A how-to of starting a vibrant church library.

<http://communitybible.org/starting-a-church-library>

The Church Library Disciples

Develop a 'Simple Church' Library to Focus on Disciple-Making

"A thorough examination of your library practices enables your library to focus on what God considers important to making disciples."

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The Church Library: Centerpiece to Discipleship

"No single ministry resource has the potential of defining discipleship for a congregation than that of a church library ministry." This article has ideas to increase the value of your church library.

<http://www.lifeway.com/Article/Church-library-ministry-center-to-discipleship>

Church Libraries and Making Disciples

Resources should attract and engage, inspire and persuade, and address needs at various levels of maturity. This article will challenge you to look at your library's collection and view your resources as an avenue for making disciple.

<http://www.lifeway.com/Article/Church-library-ministry-and-making-disciples>

The Church Librarian Encourages

The Ripple Effect of the Word

This is the article in which John Piper states: "I would rather go without food than go without books."

<http://www.desiringgod.org/articles/the-ripple-effect-of-the-word>

35 Random Thoughts and Tips on the Reading of Books

Practical encouragements for librarians and their readers.

http://gospelrelevance.com/2016/04/24/35-random-thoughts-tips-reading-books/?utm_campaign=shareaholic&utm_medium=email_this&utm_source=email

The Church Librarian's Toolbox

5 Questions To Ask of a Book Before You Read It

This article could also be addressed to a church librarian as "5 Questions to Ask of a Book Before You Put it in Your Church Library."

<http://www.challies.com/articles/5-questions-to-ask-of-a-book-before-you-read-it>

How I Review a Book

Speaker, writer, blogger, pastor, and voracious reader and book reviewer shares how he reviews books.

<http://www.challies.com/articles/how-i-review-a-book>