

CCA LIBRARY



Attn: Parents

CCA is beginning the process of organizing and building our inventory for our school library. As you know, this school cannot operate without the involvement and support of our church and school families.

Many of you have asked how you can help contribute to our library and what our immediate needs are. This information sheet has been put together in order to answer your questions and provide you with the best possible resources.

OUR PURPOSE:

Acknowledging the fact that God is the source of all knowledge and wisdom, and that our school library serves as an extension of the classroom, the CCA School Library is therefore dedicated to the task of providing books and other appropriate material that will help students, faculty, and families of CCA become more discerning life-long learners as they develop and grow in their Christian faith and fulfill their position as children of God.

SERVANTS:

The library is staffed by volunteer workers who want to serve their school in a meaningful ministry. This idea should be the basis of all that is done in the library. The routine task of preparing materials for use takes on new meaning when library members see the activities as helping persons in their Christian growth and understanding. If you would like to volunteer some time in our school library, please feel free to let the office staff know.

BOOK CRITERIA:

A child's intake of knowledge and information is just as important as his intake of food. It is the policy of this library to select books and other resources that adhere to the principles laid out by scripture. *"Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable, if anything is excellent or praiseworthy think about such things."* (Philippians 4:8) Book selection will also be based on (but not necessarily limited to) the following criteria:

- Material must not contradict with the Statement of Faith of Calvary Chapel Academy or Calvary Chapel Rio Grande Valley.
- Christian, Non-Christian or Classical material should enhance and support traditional biblical moral standards.
- Material should not violate Biblical principles.
- Material should meet a broad spectrum of educational and recreational needs of the students in fiction and non-fiction interests.

- The school does not endorse some types of material from the standpoint of morals, philosophies, theologies, or scientific hypotheses. Many Christians agree that material on the following are not recommended, and therefore will not be placed in our library: Goosebumps, Anamorphs, X-files, Pokemon, Harry Potter, materials based on R-rated movies, violent material, sorcery, or any material deemed inappropriate by the CCA administration

*Policy will be drawn up at a later date relative to resource recommendations, requests, donations, and gifts/dedications for our library.

THE LIBRARY'S MISSION

Our library is dedicated to providing Christian books, high quality literature, recreational reading material, and reference resources to the teachers and students of Calvary Chapel Academy. We are committed to the task of supporting the school as it serves to educate students for the purpose of attaining lifelong learning skills, discernment, and a biblical worldview.

FOLLOWING ON THE HEALS OF THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE

Because we are new school, we are trusting on those who have gone before to help us in our book selection. We have two resources available if you are considering donating books.

- Attached you will find a list of Christian Series Books that have been deemed appropriate by many of other Christian School Libraries.
- Calvary Distribution (Calvaryd.org) has already reviewed many of the thousands of new books that come out every year. Any books ordered through them have been screened and deemed appropriate for our school library. **Note if you order through the church there is a discount, please see Kirk for more information.

We will accept new or gently used books.

CHRISTIAN SERIES LIST

ACCIDENTAL DETECTIVES – Contemporary Christian fiction for 8 to 12-year olds. Written by S. Brouwer, published by Victor Books.

ADVENTURES IN HISTORY – Classical historical fiction for ages 12 to adult. Published by A Beka Book.

ADVENTURES IN ODYSSEY-Join Whit and others for some serious adventures while learning more about how good God is. This Christian Heritage series is written by Paul McCuster, Nancy Rue and others. It is published by Focus on the Family.

ADVENTURES OF THE NORTHWOODS Adventures of the Northwood's in a historical Christian Adventure series for 8-12 year olds from Bethany House. Written by Lois Johnson.

ALEX - Christian fiction series for 7 to 10 year olds. Published by Chariot Family Productions, will appeal more to girls.

ALICE - Alice in Bible land Series of Bible stories from Gibson for children ages 3-8.

AMERICAN ADVENTURE - Depression era Christian fiction series for 8- to 12-year-olds. Published by Bethany House. Written by Lee Roddy.

AMERICAN GIRL COLLECTION - Kirsten, Felicity, Molly, Samantha, and Addy take you through time and show you what it was like to live during different times of history.

ANNE OF GREEN GABLES - Six-volume historical fiction series for ages 10 and up based on a girl on Prince Edward Island.

ARCH - Arch Books, a series from Concordia for 4 to 8-year-olds.

ARTHUR - Arthur has lessons to learn along with his sister. Written by Marc Brown, published by Little Brown.

BEST FRIENDS - Contemporary Christian fiction series for 8 to 12-year-olds from Crossway/Good News.

BLACK STALLION - Horse series by Walter Farley for 8- to 12-year-olds from Random House.

BOXCAR-General fictional series for 8 to 12 year olds from Random House.

BRAIN QUEST - Question-and-answer cards from Workman Publishing.

CAM JANSEN - Adventure series by David Adler Puffin. Published by Adventure Series.

CAPITAL CREW - Contemporary Christian series for 8 to 12-year-olds. Written by Jeffrey Nesbit, published by Tyndale.

CEDAR RIVER - Cedar River Daydreams. Contemporary Christian series for 13 to 17-year olds. Written by J. Baer, published by Bethany House.

CHESAPEAKE CHARLIE - Written by William L. Coleman. Published by Bethany Fellowship.

CHRISTY MILLER - Contemporary Christian series for readers 8-12 from Zondervan.

CHRISTOPHER CHURCHMOUSE- Christopher Churchmouse Series from Victor Books for 4 to 8 year olds. Includes books or books and cassettes.

CHRONICLES OF NARNIA - Chronicles of Narnia series by ,C. S. Lewis. Published by Macmillan.

COOPER- Christian adventure series for 8 to 12- year olds. Written by Frank Peretti, published by Crossway Books. readers 8-12 from Zondervan.

CURIOUS GEORGE- A most curious monkey who loves to help but his curiosity gets him in trouble. Written by H.A. Rey, published by Houghton/Mifflin.

DANNY ORLIS - Christian mystery series from Tyndale by Bernard Palmer for 8 to 12-year-olds.

DAYS LAURA WILDER - Days of Laura Ingalls Wilder. Historical fiction for 9 to 13 year-olds from Nelson.

ELISE DINSMORE: A Life of Faith - Good series on growing in you faith with Elise as she learns what it means to make important decisions. Written by Martha Finley. Published by Mission City Press.

ELIZABETH GAIL - Christian series from Tyndale written by Hilda Stahl for 8 to 16-year-olds.

EMILY -Series for 10 to 15-year-olds by the author of Anne of Green Gables. Published by Bantam.

ENCYCLOPEDIA BROWN – Encyclopedia Brown Series, a collection of short mysteries from Bantam and Scholastic for 8 to 12-year-olds. Each mystery allows readers to solve it from clues given in the story.

EYEWITNESS - Non-fiction science series for 8 to 12-year-olds. Published by Random House.

EYEWITNESS JUNIOR - Non-fiction science series for 6 to 9-year-olds. Published by Random House.

THE G. A. HENTY BOOKS - Accurate historical adventure novels for boys 13-17 years old.

GOLDEN FILLY - Contemporary Christian-series for 13 to 17-year-olds. Written by Lauraine Snelling, published by Bethany.

GRANDMA'S ATTIC SERIES - Adventure series on things in Grandma's attic. Written byDavid Adler. Published by Puffin.

HANNAH'S ISLAND - Adventures with Hannah. Written by Erin E. Wiggen. Published by Emerald Books.

HARDY BOYS - Hardy Boys Detective Mystery series for 8 to 12-year-olds. The older titles are from Gossett & Dunlap, the newer from Simon & Schuster. Newer titles are very inferior.

HERO TALES: - Tales that give Christian heroes to children. Written by Dave and Neta Jackson. Published by Bethany House.

HEROES OF THE FAITH - Amazing stories of Christians giving their all to accomplish God's will. Ages 12 to adult.

IVAN - Christian series about a Russian Christian boy in modem times. Written by Myrna Grant for 8 to 12-year-olds and published by Creation House.

JOURNEY TO FAYRAH – Christian fantasy/mythical series for 8 to 12-year-olds. Written by Bill Myers, published by Bethany House.

NATHAN T. BIGGENS -Christian, Western fictional series for 8- to 12-year-olds. From Crossway/Good News.

NICKI HOLLAND - Christian contemporary mystery series for 8- to 12-year-olds. Written by Angela Hunt, published by Victor Books.

ONE LAST WISH - Contemporary; fictional series by Laurlene McDaniels for readers 10-14. Published by Bantam.

PA TTIBOOKS - Christian series which teaches Christian concepts to 2- to 3-year-olds. Published by Victor Books.

PENCIL FUN - Christian activity book series for 4 to 7-year-olds. Published by Chariot Family Products.

REBA - Historical Christian fiction series for 8 to 12-year-olds from Zondervan.

REEL KIDS ADVENTURE - Mystery and adventure. Written by Dave Gustaveson. Published by YWAM Publishing.

SADDLE CLUB - General contemporary series for 8 to 12-year-olds. Written by B. Bryant, published by Bantam Books

SARA & SAM - Christian mystery series written by Ruth Moore for 8- to 12-year-olds. Published by Herald Publishing.

SENDI LEE - Sendi Lee Mason – Contemporary Christian series for 7-to 10-year-olds. Written by Hilda Stahl, published by Crossway.

SEVEN SLEEPER SERIES - This series takes one on an adventure through time--Camelot, deserts. etc. Written by Gilbert Morris Published by Moody.

SOLVE A MYSTERY - A mystery series written by Marian Lee. Published by Children's Press.

SONS OF LIBERTY SERIES - Character is the theme of these inspiring biographies. Every young patriot should read the life stories of these American heroes. Ages 10 to adult. Published by A Beka Book.

STEPPING STONE - Stepping Stone Books. A series of short novels for 7- to 9-year-olds published by Random House.

STEP INTO READ - A three-step series of early reading books from Random House for preschoolers through grade three.

STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM-A historical fiction series. Written by Piet Prins. Published by Inheritance Publishing.

SUGAR CREEK GANG - A mystery series with a clubhouse of boys called the Sugar Creek Gang. Written by Paul Hutchins. Published by Moody Press.

TEN COMMANDMENT MYSTERY – Ten Commandment Mystery Series written by Elspeth Murphy and published by Chariot Family Products for 7- to 9-year-olds.

THE ABBOTT SERIES - history comes to life in these thrilling biographies of great men and women who left their mark upon the pages of world history. Ages 12 - adult. published by A Beka Book.

THE AMERICAN ADVENTURE – American history for 8 to 12 year olds. Discover first hand how it felt to experience moments in history.

THE BORROWERS - Adventure series. Written by Mary Norton. Published by Harcourt Brace Publishing.

THE BOXCAR CHILDREN -A mystery adventure written by Geltrude Chandler Warner. Published by A Whitman Publishing.

THE CUL-DE-SAX KIDS - Adventure series. Written by Beverly Lewis. Published by Bantam Books.

THE HOMESCHOOL DETECTIVES – A mystery series written by John Bebee, published by InterVarsity.

THE OZARK ADVENTURES - An adventure series. Written by Gilbert Morris. Published by Tyndale. .

THE SOWER SERIES Biographies – Grades 5-8.

THORNE TWINS - Christian adventure series for 9 to 17-year-olds. Written by Dayle Courtney, published by Standard.

TIM WOODMAN OF OZ - Wonderful Oz books. Written by Frank Baum. Published by Ballentine Books.

TOM SWIFT JR - ADVENTURE - An adventure series written by Victor Appleton II. Published by Grossett and Dunlap. .

TRAILBLAZER - Fictionalized stories of actual church history events for 8 to 12-year-olds from Bethany Fellowship.

TREE HOUSE KIDS - Contemporary Christian series for readers 7 to 11 from Concordia.

TWELVE CANDLES - Contemporary Christian fiction series for 8 to 12-year-olds from Bethany Fellowship.

VICTORIA - Christian fiction for 8- to 12-year olds. Published by Chariot Family Products.

WALLY McDOOGLE - Contemporary, Christian series for readers 8 to 12. Published by Word.

WHEELERS - Christian fiction for 8- to 12-year olds, published by Standard.

WINDS OF LIGHT - Historical Christian fiction series for 8- to 12-year-olds, published by Standard.

YOUNG READERS - Young Readers Christian Library. A high interest/low reading level series for 8- to 12-year-olds. Published by Barbour.

YOUNG UNDERGROUND - Adventure series, written by Robert Elmer. Published by Bethany House.