



summer reading ideas from staff



GOOD FOR THE SOUL

BECOMING FRIENDS OF TIME: DISABILITY, TIMEFULLNESS, AND GENTLE DISCIPLESHIP by John Swinton. Time is a gift of God to humans, but is also a gift given back to God by humans. The author is a Presbyterian pastor and founder of the Centre for Spirituality, Health and Disability at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland.

AN OCEAN OF LIGHT: CONTEMPLATION, TRANSFORMATION, AND LIBERATION by Martin Laird, Augustinian friar and Professor of Early Christian Studies at Villanova University. Learning the practice of contemplation from those who did it well.

ALL THAT SHE CARRIED: THE JOURNEY OF ASHLEY'S SACK, A BLACK FAMILY KEPSAKE, a powerful story of love, survival and family by Harvard historian Tiya Miles. Winner of the National Book Award and many other prizes.

I WILL ALWAYS WRITE BACK: HOW ONE LETTER CHANGED TWO LIVES by Martin Ganda, Caitlin

Alifrenka and Liz Welch. For a class assignment, Caitlin wrote to an unknown student in a distant place. Martin was lucky to receive a pen-pal letter with only 10 available and 50 kids in his class. But he was the top student, so he got the first one. That letter was the beginning of a correspondence that spanned six years and changed two lives.

FINDING ME by Viola Davis. A beautiful autobiography of the actress and her challenging and faith-filled journey to success.

ATLAS OF THE HEART: MAPPING MEANINGFUL CONNECTION AND THE LANGUAGE OF HUMAN EXPERIENCE by Brene Brown. Placing in context 87 of the emotions and experiences that define what it means to be human.

BLESSED YOUTH: BREAKING THE SILENCE ABOUT MENTAL ILLNESS WITH CHILDREN AND TEENS by UCC pastor Sarah Griffith Lund is a wonderful resource for parents of children and youth and all those who love and work alongside them.

GET READY FOR THE CURRIE BOOK CLUBS

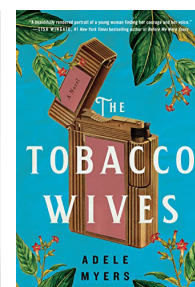
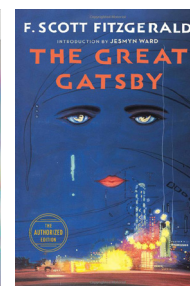
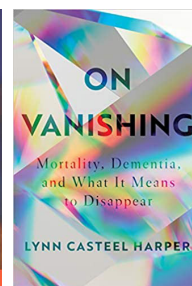
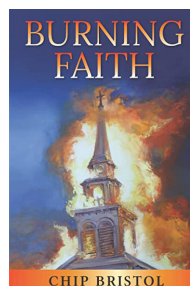
BURNING FAITH by member Chip Bristol. A novel about reimagining church life and prioritizing our mission!

THE TOBACCO WIVES by Adele Myers. In the mid-1940s, in a town reminiscent of Winston-Salem, the wives of tobacco execs and other women face a moral dilemma that could potentially destroy the town's cigarette economy.

THE GREAT GATSBY by F. Scott Fitzgerald. The classic Jazz-age novel by its premier chronicler.

ON VANISHING: MORTALITY, DEMENTIA AND WHAT IT MEANS TO DISAPPEAR by Lynn Casteel Harper. A Baptist minister explores our fear of dementia and what it might mean for us all to try to "vanish well."

THE SUM OF TRIFLES by Julia Ridley Smith. A memoir in essays on the meaning of objects her parents owned, and what to keep and what to let go.

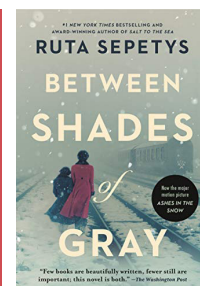
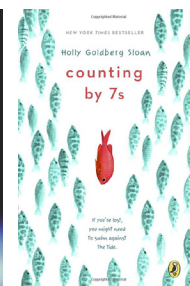
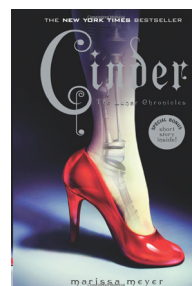


TEENS & YA

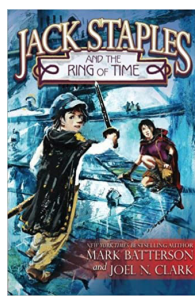
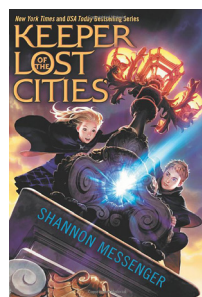
CINDER by Marissa Meyer. Cinderella as a cyborg! First in the bestselling Lunar Chronicles series.

COUNTING BY 7S by Holly Goldberg Sloan. A novel about being an outsider, coping with loss, and discovering the true meaning of family.

BETWEEN SHADES OF GRAY by Ruta Sepetys. Fifteen-year-old Lina is a Lithuanian girl living an ordinary life -- until Soviet officers invade her home and tear her family apart.



OLDER ELEMENTARY



KEEPER OF THE LOST CITIES series by Shannon Messenger. a telepathic girl must figure out why she is the key to her new world before the wrong person finds the answer first.

JACK STAPLES AND THE RING OF TIME, a series by Mark Batterson and Joel N. Clark (Anne Albert's brother-in-law!). Eleven-year-old Jack's ordinary life is upended when mysterious creatures attack his hometown and he is whisked into a fantastical adventure filled with danger at every turn.