

**Newtown Monthly Meeting of Friends
Library Committee Report
2009**

Members of the Library Committee were: Mark Ratliff, Wanda Goukas, Stuart Myles, Bekka Sowiak, Judy Fellows, and Juliana Rosati.

Several new titles were added to the library this past year. Some were donated and some purchased. The following titles were donated.

- JoAnn Woodman donated a copy of *Healing After Loss* by Martha Whitmore Hickman [HR130] and *The Plain Language of Love and Loss* by Beth Taylor [HR131]

The Peace and Service committee donated the following.

- *Why I am a Conscientious Objector* [SC101] and *It's My Life: A Guide to Alternatives After High School* [SC102]

The Library Committee purchased the following book titles using funds from the annual budget.

- Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace . . . One School at a Time [SC099]
- Listen to the Wind [CH009]
- Anam Cara: A Book of Celtic Wisdom [S112]
- The Quakers: A Very Short Introduction [QU175]
- Is It Still Cheating If I Don't Get Caught? [SC100]

Members of the committee announced the acquisition of these new titles after several meetings for worship throughout the year.

The committee purchased clear plastic holders for displaying Pendle Hill Pamphlets prominently on the library bookshelf outside the committee room.

The committee suggested that a reproduction of Edward Hick's library sign be hung over the bookshelf outside the committee room. Not only would the sign be an appropriate addition to our collection of Hick's prints, but we hoped it might also help raise awareness of the library materials over which it would be displayed. We thank the Building and Grounds Committee for completing the acquisition and installation of the new sign.

All items cataloged on the <http://www.librarything.com/> website now include call numbers. Instructions for checking out materials along with maps showing the location of various call numbers have been posted on library shelves. In the coming year the committee expects to extend the catalog by including our collection of children's books. Once that cataloging is complete, these titles will also be added to the LibraryThing website.

We also plan to make members aware of books related to topics discussed in our adult First Day classes. Before each class we will collect materials we think may be relevant and then consider announcing their availability at the end of the class or at the rise of meeting.

It is our sincere hope that our work in the library will help make members and attenders aware of the many friends whose voices can be heard through the books on our shelves.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Ratliff -- Clerk of the Library Committee