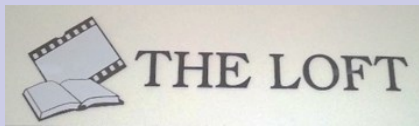


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Loft-y Ambitions for CCPC's Library



“It’s our church mission in microcosm,” says Pastor Chris Lee. “The idea of transitioning our tradi-

tional library to The Loft is a model for our relationship-building mission. The Loft has been re-imagined as a welcoming space that opens our doors wider to the diverse interests of our members and our community.”

Under the auspices of the Discipleship Ministry, Friends of the Library (now Friends of the Loft, FOL) began with a vision: a multi-use, technologically enhanced space for creating new educational and fellowship experiences and opportunities for spiritual growth for the young and the old, members and non-members, readers and non-readers, Small Groups, teen groups, teachers, and families.

For many years, thanks to the devoted attention of Ann Steves and other generous members, CCPC’s library accumulated and organized a rich repository of inspirational literature – spiritual, educational, entertaining. You name it, there was a book for it, and they could help you find it.

But libraries are quiet places, offering solitude to solitary readers and researchers. Our commitment to a broader mission of outreach meant a new role for the library.

With The Loft, the intention is not to discard the old and replace it with the new. Instead, just as elsewhere in our mission, it is to treasure what we have – be faithful to who we are – but in gratitude and fellowship open the doors wider to invite in more people who can prosper by our gifts. For the library, that meant acknowledging the evolution to multi-media as well as books.

The FOL’s first task was to edit and reorganize the library’s books. Says Janet Hafker, head FOL, “We had more books than we could

possibly display, and they were hard to find, so we edited, re-categorized, and color-coded.”

The result is, in the words of Bunny Pool, an avid Loft visitor, “the most reader-friendly place you can imagine. Instead of the Dewey Decimal system that you needed a librarian to navigate, there’s a color-coded system and chart that takes you straight to the category you’re interested in.”

Besides the non-fiction categories depicted below, The Loft also offers an engrossing range of fiction by authors like David Baldacci, Jan Karon, Jodi Picoult, John Grisham, plus beautiful tomes on poetry, art, and history, and a whole section for our youth.

More to Come

Further results of the FOL’s work, still coming to fruition, include the following.

Smart TV. We have a smart TV, soon to be enabled with the church’s Amazon and Netflix accounts. Bring your popcorn and soft drinks and dial up a good show. Seating is being rearranged for movie viewing, and new comfortable chairs are coming for the purpose – “two-hour chairs,” Chris calls them.

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How To Find A Non-Fiction Book

Books in the Non-Fiction section of the Loft are divided and color-coded into the following categories:

● Worship	● Philosophy & Psychology
● Church Life	● Parenting/Family/
● Bible Tools	● Marriage
● Presbyterian	● Grief & Healing
● Church History	● Aging & Caregiving
● Christian Denominations	● Hard Questions
● Other religions	● Heaven/Prophecy
● Theology	● Evangelism & Christianity
● General Old Testament	● Health & Wellness
● Books of Old Testament	● Christmas
● Apocrypha	⊕ Easter
● General New Testament	● America & Americans
● Books of New Testament	● Life Experiences
● God	● Holy Land
● Jesus	● AUTHORS
● Devotionals	● The Grahams
● Christian Living	● C.S. Lewis
● Prayer	● Max Lucado
● Grace & Love	● Charles Stanley
● Books for Women	● Charles Swindoll
● Books for Men	

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Timely Special Displays. There are, according to FOL Jean Lenhardt, books and movies relevant to current events, holidays, and the season. Interested in reading Session Minutes? All there, too.



For Church Groups and Ministries. FOL Janet Walters affirms The Loft's ability to serve other CCPC ministries, envisioning "multi-media collections for Small Groups, even materials relevant to Sunday's sermons and CCPC's ESL and NAMI activities."

For Readers. Cozy corners, lamps, and chairs for those who want to read in a peaceful setting. FOL Melva Chapman says, "Our reorganization is meant to accommodate all kinds of visitors."

Coffee Bar. With a new Keurig, The Loft will cater to people's unique tastes for coffee and flavored syrups. Drop in any time and brew yourself your favorite flavor.

Charging Bar. Phone, tablet, or laptop needs juice? Bring it to The Loft and fire it up.

A Movie Club is in the planning stages, along with a program featuring Theology in Film.

TED Talks Sunday School. And last but not least, an exciting plan for The Loft is an alternative Sunday School – multi-media [TED Talks](#), drawing on inspirational online TED Talks by writers, thinkers, and innovators. FOL Janet Walters describes the vision. "We have in mind new members or visitors who might want to 'try out' taking a Sunday School class. Each would be a stand-alone class taught by a church member who chooses a TED Talk from those online, shows it on-screen, and then facilitates a discussion about it."

Look for these classes to begin soon, and let Chris Lee know if you'd like to lead a TED Talk class.

Make The Loft Your Own

How do its creators want to see The Loft used? Chris is clear: "Just use it! It's not just a quiet place anymore – I hope it gets loud, filled with energy! Bring your Small Group to watch a video. Bring your kids and their friends for a movie. Or your Book Club. Invite your neighbors in, fix them coffee and show them what CCPC offers the community. The Loft is meant to reflect the next phase of our ministry – opening our doors wider – so we welcome your own creative ways to use it."

Submitted by Ann Cain

Behold, I will do a new
thing; now it shall spring
forth; shall ye not know it?
I will even make a way in
the wilderness, and rivers
in the desert.

Isaiah 43:19

What The Loft Can Use

- Energetic users
- Audio books
- Movies
- TED Talk teachers
- Your feedback
- Your ideas
- Volunteers on Wednesdays
- \$\$ donations

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