



Recommended Core Book List

Non-fiction:

This list is comprised of titles submitted by ECLA members, some of which were discussed at the Fall 2000 conference. It was also recommended that librarians look for a balance in subject matter representative of the needs of their respective congregations and/or Christian schools. Subject areas in a church library should include but not be limited to Marriage and Family, Counseling, Devotional Literature, Prayer, Theology and Exegesis, Eschatology, and Apologetics as well as Fiction.

Adler. *How to Think About God*

Blamires. *The Christian Mind*

Bonhoeffer. *The Cost of Discipleship*

Brawn. *He Came to Set the Captives Free*

Bridges. *Trusting God*

Chambers. *My Utmost for His Highest*

Chapman. *Five Love Languages* and *Five Love Languages for Teenagers*

Colson & Pearcey. *How Now Shall We Live?*

DeMoss. *A Place of Quiet Rest*

Dorsett. *A Passion for Souls: the Life of D.L. Moody*

Fitzpatrick. *Women Helping Women*

Foster. *Celebration of Discipline*

Gnauer. *Prayer Walking*

Hybels. *Fit to Be Tied*

Jenkins. *Though None Go With Me*

Johnson. *God's Trombones*

Johnson. *Spiritual Warfare for the Wounded*

Kavanaugh. *Spiritual Lives of the Great Composers.*

Kent. *Becoming a Woman of Influence*

LeHaye & Blackstock. *Showers in Season*

Lewis. *Mere Christianity*

Lucado. *Just Like Jesus*

McDowell. *Handbook of Today's Religions and New Evidence that Demands a Verdict.*

Packer. *Knowing God*

Peace. *Excellent Wife and Titus II Women*

Peale. *This Incredible Century*

Piper. *The Pleasures of God*

Rainey. *Parenting Today's Adolescent*

St. John. *Twice Freed*

Schaeffer. *How Should We Then Live?*

Strobel. *The Case for Christ*

Tripp. *Shepherding a Child's Heart*

VanLeeuwen. *Gender and Grace*

Wagner. *Warfare Prayer*

Wangerin. *Reliving the Passion*

Welch, *When People are Big and God is Small*

Fiction:

The following authors have been recommended:

Alcorn, Randy

C.S. Lewis

George MacDonald

Janette Oke, such as the *Love Comes Softly* series

Francine Rivers, such as *Atonement Child*

Frank Peretti, such as *This Present Darkness*

Corrie Ten Boom

Bodie Thoene, such as *Zion Chronicles*

JRR Tolkien

The following fiction list was compiled by ECLA member suggestions:

Ammerman. *The Cross and the Tomahawk series*

Cayle. *Sharon's Hope* and *Cari's Secret*

Defoe. *Robinson Crusoe*

Kirkpatrick. *All Together in One Place*

Lawhead. *Byzantium*

LeHaye & J. Jenkins. *Left Behind (entire series)*

Lewis. *The Reckoning*

Morris. *House of Windslow Series*

Peterson.. *A Slender Thread*

Rivers. *Redeeming Love* and *Leota's Garden* and *Atonement Child*

Rushford. *Helen Bradley series*

Stokes. *The Blue Bottle Club*

Thoene. *The Twilight of Courage*

Turner. *Some Wildflower in My Heart*

Wangerin. *Paul, A Novel*

Wick. *Sophie's Heart*

Wright. *Grace at Bender Springs*