

**Library Committee
Annual Report
2020-2021**

What an unusual year it has been! Since the COVID-19 pandemic forced the reduction of attendance at church to a minimum since March 2020, there has been little traffic in the library and the committee has only met once, away from church. Most of our conversations and decision making have been done on the telephone or by email.

The library budget for the 2020/21 fiscal year was increased by a \$300 one time supplement to be spent on topics of climate change and indigenous/race issues to support adult Sunday School themes, in addition to the base line of \$890, for a total of \$1190. This is to explain our request for an increase for 2021/22 of \$60, which would be a total of \$950. Some of the expenses include a monthly fee in US dollars to maintain the online catalogue.

An interesting new issue came to our attention from AMBS Institute of Mennonite Studies regarding their collection policy about books by writers who have been investigated for ministerial sexual misconduct. The Library Committee at Waterloo North MC sought the guidance of Ministry Team to determine best practices for the library. We want to be survivor centred, supporting victims of abuse. Ministry Team decided that each case should be considered separately. As a result a small number of books have been removed from their location on the library shelf with a note on the online record to ask a library volunteer for assistance in locating the book.

In 2021/22 the Library Committee anticipates the return to church attendance and increased borrowing. When we are allowed to meet at church the committee will need to do an inventory of library materials to make room for new books and update the volunteer list, possibly recruiting new helpers for Sunday mornings.

A special thank you to Dita Leininger, co-chair, and Ingried Regier for your diligent work on the committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Marg Koop, co-chair, on behalf of the committee.