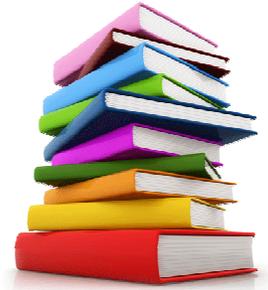


## The UMW Library Corner 2016

During the last twelve months we have had 14 readers make a total of about 40 checkouts from library materials at the back of the Parlor. About 10 of these checkouts were of the books purchased from the 2015 UMW recommended list. This year we are adding seven books to the collection, the most recent of which can be found in the plastic box. Others from recent years are on the shelves on the wall to the right. We hope more of you will make use of this good reading.



In **Chasing the Divine in the Holy Land** the author writes about her trip into the dust and beauty of the Holy Land—about her wrestling with her beliefs, her faith, and her past. One reviewer suggests that you should read this book if you are going to the Holy Land or if you are *not*—I guess that is all of us.

In **The Underground Girls of Kabul** an investigative journalist reveals a hidden Afghan custom where girls may be temporarily raised and presented as boys in reaction to preference for male offspring. Later such girls will resume their roles as women in a culture ruled almost entirely by men. Winner of many book awards in 2014.

The author of **The Weight of Mercy** found the title for her book in Matthew 23:23 which speaks of hypocrites attending to the letter of the law, but neglecting the weightier matters of justice,

mercy, and faith. This book is a personal memoir of the author's time as the pastor of a run-down inner-city church where the homeless gathered. All were welcomed as being the face of Jesus.

**House of Purple Cedar** by Tim Tingle, an Oklahoma Choctaw, is the story of Rose Goode's upbringing in Indian Territory in the late 1800's. She looks back on a dark episode from her childhood when the racism and fear that paralyzed a town are faced down by the steadfast confidence her grandfather has in the goodness of people to overcome hate. Book also recommended for youth.

**Miss Brenda and the Loveladies** is the true story of a successful business woman, who after a brush with the law herself, invited seven hardened parolees into her Southern mansion. It's a story about God changing her heart and theirs.

During the current political debates, we hear much of fixing the broken judicial system. **Just Mercy** is the true story about how that might happen by Bryan Stevenson, the founder of the Equal Justice Initiative. This legal practice is dedicated to defending the poor, the wrongly condemned, and those trapped in the furthest reaches of our criminal justice system. Winner of many book awards.

**My Life and Lesser Catastrophes** is a memoir by Christina Schofield. Real life can be messy, painful, and confusing - such as prompted by a serious motorcycle accident. Christina describes facing her deepest questions of faith -and God's painful silence - with honesty, sincerity and humor.

At times you may find other books from Vera Pelton's and my personal reading available to you as well.

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