

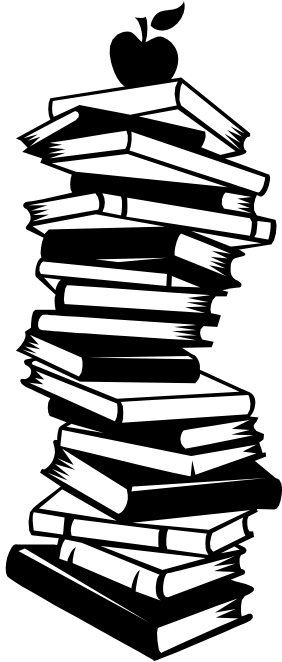
# Collection Connection

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## My Top 10 Favorite Books: What Our Children are Reading



This summer, children at Gainesville First United Methodist Church were asked to share their top 10 favorite books with the Library Committee.

Of course, there were a fair number of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* groupies, and more than a few *American Girl* devotees.

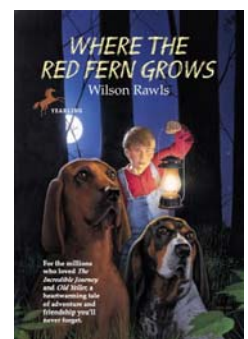
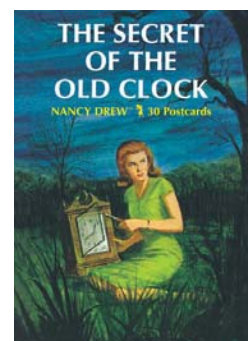
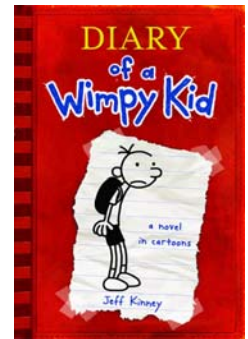
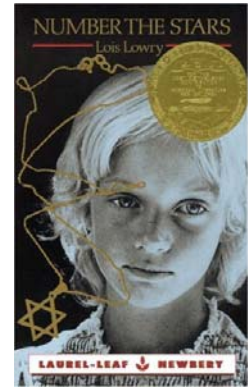
More surprising, however, is the number of children who are reading classic children's literature—books that have been beloved by generations past continue to hold a special place in the hearts of today's youth, and that is a refreshing thought.

*Charlotte's Web* tops several of the lists, accompanied by favorites such as *Trumpet of the Swan*, *Hatchet*, *Mr. Popper's Penguins*, *Little Women*, *The Secret Garden*, *Where the Red Fern Grows*, *Number the Stars*, *Old Yeller*, and *The Giver*.

Best beloved series include the *Nancy Drew* series and, of course, the *Hardy Boys*, the *Magic Tree House* series, the *Boxcar Children* series, C.S. Lewis' *Chronicles of Narnia*, and *The Little House on the Prairie* books.

Several of Max Lucado's books are mentioned as well.

Gainesville First United Methodist Church is tremendously proud of its well-read youth.



## Eagerly Anticipated Additions

### The BFG

By Ronald Dahl

### Boxcar Children series

By Gertrude Chandler Warner

### Charlotte's Web

By E.B. White

### James and the Giant Peach

By Ronald Dahl

### Little House on the Prairie series

By Laura Ingles Wilder

### Mr. Popper's Penguins

By Richard & Florence Atwater

### Magic Tree House series

By Mary Pope Osborne

### A Wrinkle in Time

By Madeline L'Engle

## Check Out Process

### Library Hours

**Sunday**

9:45 a.m. - 11 a.m.

**Monday**

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Tuesday**

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Wednesday**

9 a.m. - 7:15 p.m.

**Thursday**

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

1. Sign your name and phone number on the card and leave on the Library counter.
2. Books may be checked out for two weeks. All other media, including reference books and magazines, may be checked out for one week.

If you are looking for a particular book or resource, a book request form is provided on the counter of the Library desk.

For more information about the Church Library, please e-mail

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### Library Committee

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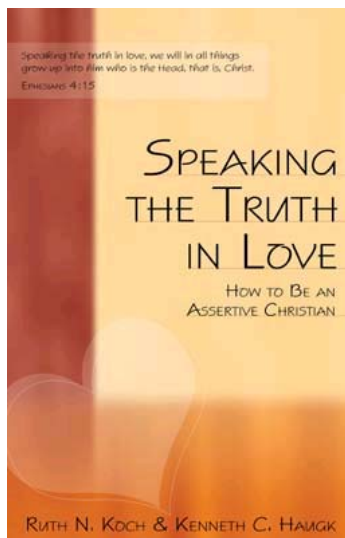
**Nancy Story**

**Myra Taylor**

**Ali Thompson**

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## The Book Nook



Rev. Wendy Cordova recommends

***Speaking the Truth in Love:***

***How to Be an Assertive Christian***

**By: Ruth N. Koch & Kenneth C. Haugk**

If you are struggling with conflict, unresolved anger or feel like you have a hard time “sticking up for yourself” while remaining loving – let me recommend Ruth N. Koch & Kenneth C. Haugk’s book, *Speaking the Truth in Love: How to Be an Assertive Christian*, which can be found in our Church Library.

It is one of the resources used in Stephen Ministries training, but it is helpful to anyone who is striving to live honestly in personal relationships. I found this book to be both informative and practical as I am seeking to be more assertive and loving in all of my relationships.

—Rev. Wendy Cordova