

Library Committee Annual Report for 2018  
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The Library Committee began finding its way this year. Much of our time was spent discussing how the library fits into the Meeting community and how we can make the space more welcoming and more used. Our main activities were making a laptop available to the Meeting, with online access to our holdings; evaluating donations and possible purchases; choosing art for display; weeding Pendle Hill pamphlets and giving away the extras; and writing occasional notices for the Meeting's monthly newsletter. We are experimenting with having a committee member in the library after Meeting for Worship to assist with questions and finding items.

We feel that the committee members all have respect for each other and what they have to say, and that we are heard. Our communication is healthy and we are accomplishing some useful tasks. We view our participation and goals in part to be of service to the Meeting community. One Friend finds strength in the committee helping him to connect with the everyday aspect of being in the Spirit.

Our biggest challenge is not being clear on how the library fits into the Meeting, either how we want it to or how community members would like for it to. Our strengths include a willingness by each member of the committee to be present and participate at meetings, to bring forth ideas about how to proceed and to implement the projects we deem right.

Our hope is that the library will become a more integral part of the life of the Meeting. We are planning a survey to learn how the committee can better serve the Meeting community. We will continue with our current subscriptions to *Quaker Life*, *Friends Journal*, and Pendle Hill pamphlets, and consider new acquisitions. We want to install software on the laptop that will remove files and programs downloaded by users. We hope to find a facility that has the resources to provide better care for some of our oldest books, possibly Haverford or Swarthmore College.

Members: Dave Sydlik, Henry Kennison, Mandy McMahan, Michael Prior, Polly Heninger (contact person). We are grateful that Mandy joined us this year.