Dr. Mitzi Budde, Professor and Head Librarian, put together this summer reading list, entitled *Good Reads for Enjoyment and Edification*. The Bishop Payne Library call numbers are included if you are interested in borrowing any of these books.

**Spirituality/Bible**


For those tired of praying with words, provides spiritual exercises to experience God through our creative, intuitive, sensory side, such as the taste of forgiveness, the sound of pain, the smell of healing, the sight of your best self, the touch of prayer.


The controversial Orthodox rabbi-author of *Kosher Sex* reveals the Jewish rabbi that is Jesus.


The new hot Mexican/Central American patron saint of jilted lovers, drug dealers, and law enforcement agents.


Offers provocative questions and exercises to confront how well (or how poorly) we balance our personhood, partnering, parenting, and profession and to challenge us to find a healthy balance in these four areas of life.


Beautiful color images of the universe captured by the Hubble telescope, accompanied by reflections from scientists, poets, and theologians.


Nearly 5,000 scenes from the Bible created with Legos.


Beautiful color illustrations by artists from around the world accompany Archbishop Tutu’s retelling of 50 Bible stories for children, each one concluding with a prayer on the theme.


A literature professor offers a psychological and spiritual journey with the poet/priest.

Family Issues


A collection of very accessible and helpful essays on depression, anxiety disorders, psychotic disorders, personality disorders, substance-use disorders, eating disorders, autism, acquired brain injury, and dementia.


Using interviews and conversations with retirees, the authors examine the transitions, challenges and issues faced by this group and offer insights on making the most of new opportunities.


Technology

A technology lawyer reveals the data mining and personal profiling that is following every click you make.


Powers presents us with a challenge to rethink our digital life and urges us to find a balance and to disconnect from our electronic toys and tools in order to make psychic space for reflection and fulfillment.


**Current Events**


A book of affirmation for the nearly half of the population who are introverts. Cain encourages introverts to claim their creativity and voice, suggests how to fake extroversion when necessary, and offers tips on how to cope in American school and workplace environments.


A collection of essays exploring how Christianity has been localized and contextualized in India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Myanmar; Sri Lanka; Malaysia and Singapore; Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, and Thailand; Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Macao; South Korea; and the Middle East.


The authors assert that the 21st century will be the century of Africa. Demography, economics, politics, diplomacy, cultures and religions – this book presents the different facets of this new Africa, which will soon have a billion people. It reveals the opportunities ahead for Africa.

A religious travelogue across the U.S. reveals the diversity of American religious practice, with over 100 photos. Take this one on vacation with you this summer.


**Art**


A true story that reads like a mystery novel. A young graduate student from Rome, Francesca Cappelletti, makes a discovery that inspires a search to find the long-lost painting known as *The Taking of Christ* by Caravaggio, lost for almost two centuries. With the help of an Irish art restorer, Cappelletti tracks the painting across a continent and hundreds of years of history.


60 treasures, highlighted with text and illustrations from one of England’s first public libraries.

**Novels**


One in a new series of attractive annotated editions of classic literature which provide detailed notes to explain all the puzzling bits.


A compelling novel of a Midwestern American couple who spent most of the twentieth-century as missionaries to China. Based on the lives of the author’s grandparents.


This best-selling French theological thriller shows what might happen to individuals and society if the absolute definitive proof of the existence of God were to be discovered.


A WWII-era novel based on Virginia Seminary and its faculty, loosely disguised as St. Jude’s Theological Seminary (Episcopal). A great romp!


A comedic romp through an unpredictable world of mystery, love, and time travel. Ned Henry has been shuttling between the 21st century and the 1940s searching for a Victorian atrocity called the bishop's bird stump: part of a project to rebuild Coventry Cathedral, destroyed in a
Nazi air raid over a hundred years earlier. Then Verity Kindle, a fellow time traveler, inadvertently brings back something from the past, and Ned and Verity must race against time to put things to right before history is altered for good. Mitzi’s favorite novel.