

CTF Library Newsletter

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Welcome to the August issue of the CTF Library newsletter!

We hope you are all enjoying the final weeks of the summer vacation as we gear up for the start of term! In the library we are full steam ahead getting ready for the new academic year, getting new books into our libraries, and organising library cards for our new starters.

We've got some exciting new acquisitions coming in to support next year's teaching (p. 2). From Brené Brown's psychological exploration of emotions *Atlas of the Heart* to Franz Fanon's seminal 1952 critique of racism *Black Skin, White Masks*, to David F. Ford's commentary on John's Gospel (one of our most requested ebook purchases!), our new acquisitions showcase the breadth and diversity of the CTF's teaching.

This month we are shining a spotlight on Westminster College's collection of 19th and 20th century Bibles in global translation, including Bibles in over 50 African languages, with a report from our summer work experience assistant on making these books easier to find in the library (p. 3)

Finally, if you support visiting scholars within a CTF House, find out how they can receive free access to the University Library on p. 4. We hope you enjoy this month's bulletin, and as always get in touch with anything you would like to see in next month's issue!

Jane
The Library Team

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What's new in CTF libraries?

Highlights from across the CTF



- **IOCS:** Wischmeyer, Oda, and Wayne Coppins. *Love as Agape: The Early Christian Concept and Modern Discourse* (2021).
- **Ridley:** Foust, Thomas F. *A Scandalous Prophet: The Way of Mission after Newbigin* (2002).
- **Wesley:** Patrick, Gnana. *Indian Christianity and Its Public Role: Socio-Theological Explorations* (2019)
- **Westcott:** Cones, Bryan. *Queering Christian Worship: Reconstructing Liturgical Theology* (2023).
- **Westminster:** Cahill, Lisa, and James Childress. *Christian Ethics: Problems and Prospects*. (1996).
- **Woolf:** Smith, Andrew. *Vibrant Christianity in Multifaith Britain: Equipping the Church for a Faithful Engagement with People of Different Faiths* (2018).

What's new in eDiscover?

Explore highlights from this month's new ebook acquisitions + many more on eDiscover (login required)

- Brown, Brené *Atlas of the Heart: Mapping Meaningful Connection and the Language of Human Experience* (2021)
- Fanon, Frantz, *Black Skin, White Masks* (2020).
- Ford, David F. *The Gospel of John: A Theological Commentary* (2021)
- Kostamo, Leah. *Planted: A Story of Creation, Calling, and Community* (2013).
- Machingura, et al. *Pentecostalism and Human Rights in Contemporary Zimbabwe* (2018).
- Ramsay, Laura, *Sexuality and the Church of England, 1918-1980* (2024).



Collection Spotlight: Bibles from Alur to Zulu at Westminster College

Did you know Westminster College has an extensive collection of Bibles in translation ranging across the globe? Mostly published from the 19th to mid-20th centuries, this collection ranges from Welsh to Syriac and is an important record of the history of Bible translation and scholarship in this period.

Highlights of this collection are Bibles in 50 languages from across Africa, which the Amaning family donated to Westminster in memory of Revd. Robert Buick Knox in the 1980s.

Over the summer, our CTF library work experience assistant Sophia has worked on a project to clearly classify and label the Amaning donation of African-language Bibles. They are now much easier to find in the library.

To check out this collection, visit the BS325 section in Westminster Library!



Sophia reports on her experience

As part of my work experience at the Cambridge Theological Federation, I was asked to label a collection of African Bibles that had been donated so that they could be classified correctly at Westminster College library. What I enjoyed about this job was that it was fascinating to see how the text was translated into lots of different languages for each separate book, as the collection came from a time period when biblical texts were being made more accessible to people who did not speak English. The Bibles themselves were also relatively old, so they looked interesting and historic, which made them more appealing to work with compared to more modern books. It was also nice to get an inside perspective on the work that goes into all the different types of classification systems in libraries, and how books are sorted based on their subjects and kept in order in different ways depending on which library is holding them. Overall, this experience has taught me about some of the historical context of Christianity and about the various ways of managing books when they are kept in libraries.

Sophia Ridley

Many thanks to Sophia for her work with us over the summer!

August Library Team Updates



Free library access for CTF visiting scholars

Do you have visiting scholars or sabbatical guests at your CTF institution?

These visitors are now able to apply for a Cambridge University Library readers card **free of charge** through the CTF. This will give them access to the UL and all CTF libraries.

Instructions on how CTF Houses can apply for these library cards are available on the [Hedwig Staff Page](#) (login required).

Any questions, please get in touch with us
library@theofed.cam.ac.uk

What else we've been up to this month...

- Getting ready for the start of the academic year
- Ordering library cards for incoming students
- Purchasing and cataloguing new print and ebooks ready for the start of term

Dates for the diary

Look out for our programme of library inductions for new students:

- 11th September 2 pm
Common Awards block week new students induction (Magda Fletcher Room, Bounds House)
- 16th September 2 pm
ARU new students induction (Zoom)
- 25th September 2 pm
Westfield exchange students induction (Magda Fletcher Room, Bounds House)
- 30th September 3.30 pm
Common Awards new students induction (Healey Room, Westminster & Zoom)
- 7th October 3.30 pm
BTh and DTM new students induction (Magda Fletcher Room, Bounds House)

Thank you for reading!

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