

# CTF Library Newsletter

July 2024



## Welcome to the first issue of the CTF Library newsletter!

Welcome to this very first issue of the CTF library newsletter! We are excited to share with you updates about new books in stock, library-related events, and what the library team gets up to throughout the year.

We hope that all members of the CTF community, students or staff, are managing to have a bit of a break over the summer period. Take a look back at all the reading you have done this year with our roundup of the CTF's year in books (p. 2).

And just in case you fancy some more reading over the summer, have a look at this month's new acquisitions in our ebook collection, and in libraries across the CTF (p. 2).

Find out what the library team get up to over the summer vacation in our quick monthly update (p. 3) - you might be surprised how much goes on over the holidays as we prepare for the year ahead!

In future bulletins we're hoping to share with you highlights from the CTF library collection, and dates for your diary - let us know if you think there's something in your library we should feature.

Finally, if there's anything you'd like to see in future bulletins, or a library related event you'd like us to include, please do get in touch, we're always happy to hear from you.

Enjoy this month's newsletter!

Jane  
The library team

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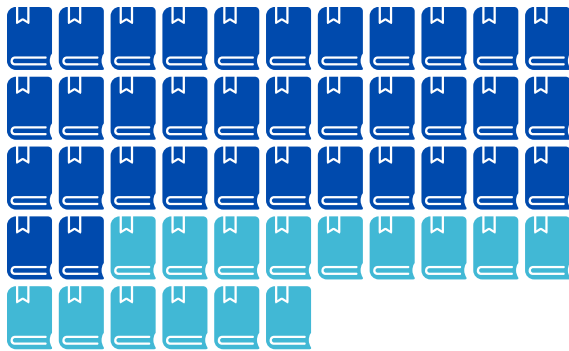
# The CTF's year in books 2023-24

The CTF library community is a varied one, reading for teaching, research, formational training, and our own interest!

Here's a quick snapshot of what you've been reading this academic year.

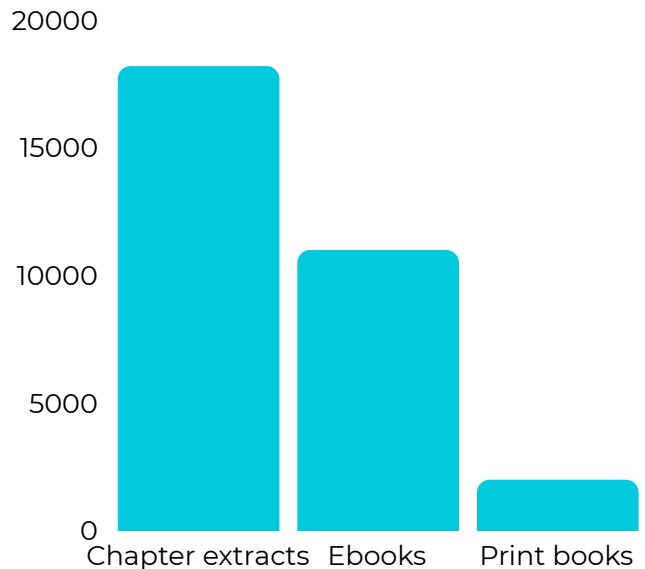
## What we've put in the libraries...

In total the CTF library team has catalogued nearly 1150 new books this year - including over 700 print books and 400 ebooks:



## ... and what you've been reading

You've read over 11000 ebooks, borrowed 2000 print books, and read an enormous 18246 chapter extracts across your courses!



## What's new in eDiscover?

Explore highlights from this month's new ebook acquisitions + many more on eDiscover

- **Robin Wall Kimmerer**, *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants* (2013).
- **Afua Kuma**, *The Surprising African Jesus: The Lost Prayers and Praises of Afua Kuma* (2022)
- **Peter M. Phillips**, *The Bible, Social Media and Digital Culture* (2020).
- **Lisa L. Thompson**, *Preaching the Headlines: Possibilities and Pitfalls* (2021)



## What's new in CTF libraries?

Highlights from across the CTF

- **Ridley: Tan, Rosalind**, *God's heart for children: practical theology from global perspectives* (2022).
- **Wesley: Scott, David W.**, *Methodism and American empire: reflections on decolonizing the church* (2023)
- **Westcott: Phillips, Elizabeth**, *Catholic social thought and prison ministry* (2024)
- **Westfield: Kartawidjaja, Yakub E.**, *Music in Martin Luther's theology* (2021)
- **Woolf: Mikva, Rachel S.**, *Interreligious studies: an introduction* (2023)

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# July Library Team Updates



Live Reading List

## Behind the scenes of reading lists....

Every module has a Live Reading List, but have you ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes to get them up and running?

Every summer, the library team updates and maintains every Live Reading List. We update the lists with new books requested by tutors, adding links to books where they are available to read online or in a CTF print library.

We also check through every single existing link on the reading list (a lot of clicking!) to spot broken links or places where resources have been moved - as online resources tend to do!

We hope that by the time teaching starts, we have weeded out all the broken links and made the readings lists as easy to use as possible - but if any escape us, please do email us to let us know, and we'll fix them as soon as we can!

## Updating our curated reading guides

The CTF has 1000s of ebooks on all sorts of theological topics (and much more besides) - it can be hard to know where to start reading!

To help navigate our ebook resources, over the last few years, we have put together some subject-specific reading guides on contemporary theological issues from ecotheology to new perspectives on Biblical Studies.

These guides offer resources both for those looking for introductory reading, and experts looking to see what's newly available in the library.

We are currently updating these guides to make them more accessible for use with screen readers, and easier to read on mobiles and tablets. Check out our newly updated guides (with more to come):

- [Disability theology](#)
- [Ecotheology](#)
- [Feminist theology](#)
- [Womanist theology](#)
- [LGBTQ+ and Queer theology](#)



## Welcoming new CTF staff

Are you a new CTF staff member, or are you welcoming new staff to your institute for the new academic year?

We have updated our introduction to library services for new staff, including information on what library resources staff have access to themselves, and what we offer to support teaching (from reading lists to copyright).

You can find this welcome guide on Hedwig in the New Academic Staff Induction section, or [explore the full guide here.](#)

## Thank you for reading!

<b>Contact us:</b>	<a href="mailto:library@theofed.cam.ac.uk">library@theofed.cam.ac.uk</a>
<b>Or browse all library resources:</b>	<a href="#">Library and Digital Resources on Hedwig</a>

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